

MINUTES SELECTBOARD EMERGENCY MEETING
Grafton Town Hall upstairs In Person/Live
With accommodation for persons unable to attend in person via interactive Microsoft Teams

Friday, July 30, 2021, 4 PM

Present at the meeting in the Town Hall, were:

Selectboard: Joe Pollio, John Gregory, Cathy Siano-Goodwin, Sue Allen, and Suzanne Welch
Also present: Robbie Sprague, Mike Faulkner, Wendy Martin, Kim Record Clerk/Treasurer, Danny Taylor Highway Foreman, and Bill Kearns Town Administrator

Present via MicroSoft Teams: Charles Bonin, Wendy Martin (also present live), Eric Stevens, and Amber Stevens.

1. Call to order. Chair called meeting to order at 4:00 PM
2. Adopt Agenda. Motion Cathy Siano-Goodwin to adopt agenda as presented, second Suzanne Welch. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Flood Info and Declaration possible. Work to be done and perhaps authorized: Danny Taylor reported:
 - Last night Fire Department helped survey and mark dangers on roads – Robbie, Mike Field, Nathaniel Noyes, and others.
 - This morning Danny Taylor, and the crew, surveyed the roads for trouble spots; John Gregory and Bill Kearns surveyed roads, took photos and mapped and measured damages to roads in preparation for recovery cost reporting and claims to VTTrans and FEMA and FHWA.
 - Roads most damaged: Townshend Rd. out at Stiles and Willie Brook – Wrights, Archambault property. Barely passable, and water continued to run in road 5 inches deep at 6:30 this morning, scouring the shoulders and undermining the road from Stiles to Willie Brook. Three trucks, 3 excavators, and Taylor trucking – with permission – working to begin clean up. One Town truck driven by Nathaniel Noyes. Also, Kidder Hill not yet passable from bridge up to first camp on right. Being worked on, though hard to get materials there due to limits of the bridge and resulting small truck limitation. Hinkley Brook out above Culvert #15, which was replaced last year, all the way to past Culvert # 24. Culvert #17 and 24 heavily damaged and overtopped taking out hundreds of feet of road down hill from both of them.
 - In response to question from Cathy Siano-Goodwin: No need yet to ask for Town Disaster Declaration, but Bill Kearns will follow up on that.
 - Danny Taylor has bought all the locally available 18- and 24-inch culverts from WW and EJP.
 - Bill Kearns presented the Board with an example of authority they should grant Danny, and the Board on Motion by Sue Allen, second John Gregory granted Danny Taylor, Highway Foreman the authority to make Decisions and purchase materials necessary to carry out the work of the recovery from the damages of the July 29th, 2021, storm and resulting flood. Motion passed unanimously.

- There is a shortage of available truck to assist in the recovery work and Danny Taylor was given permission to use his truck under the circumstances, and it was asked that that authorization be formally adopted by the selectboard, in light of the shortage. It was moved by Suzanne, second by Cathy Siano-Goodwin acknowledging the shortage of available trucks to assist the Town in necessary recovery work to repair storm damages, the Selectboard authorizes Danny Taylor to use Danny Taylor Trucking vehicles driven by others, including his father, to assist in the recovery. Motion passed unanimously.
 - The Fire Chief Robbie Sprague had no business to offer. Again, the FD was thanked for help last night.
 - Kim Record said she and Michelle Dolloph and Danny Taylor had a checklist of forms, from TS Irene recovery, needed for the hiring and work project data collection, including designation of project worked, hours worked, types of work done, equipment used, etc. for documenting costs of the recovery. It was agreed Danny Taylor would set the rates per FEMA and State standards and local standards for all equipment and personnel, so that l would be paid the same for like work. Contractors – we would be using the same “augmentation of forces” as used in TS Irene – would bill for their equipment and personnel every two weeks in the same cycle as the Town., with the firs billing presented to the Town this week. Companies working would have to meet the standards set by Danny so that work could be properly posted to projects defined. Contractors pay for their own fuel.
 - The discussion turned to persons driving truck for the Town and the amount they should be paid per hour. After some discussion it was moved by Suzanne Welch, second John Gregory to pay such person \$22.00 per hour. Danny asked we let it be known we need truck drivers with the proper CDL. When called the motion passed unanimously.
 - We also need certified Flaggers. Anyone who is certified please let us know.
 - Concern for the welfare of Bill Brown on Kidder Hill, and Wendy Martin stated he has come down off the hill and she is in contact with him. It is hoped the road would be passable in a few days.
 - The board thanked all those working on the recovery.
4. Next Regular Meeting – August 2, 2021 @ 6:00 PM.
 5. Adjourn. John Gregory moved, second Sue Allen to adjourn at 4:39 PM

Respectfully presented,

William G. Kearns