



Town of Dartmouth
400 Slocum Road
Dartmouth, MA 02747

Board of Selectmen

Select Board Members Present:

Lara H. Stone-Chair
Shawn McDonald-Vice-Chair
William J. Trimble-Absent

Joseph Michaud-Absent
Michael Watson

The Chair called the public meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. on November 1, 2012 in room 304.

Board members signed the **warrant(s)** for the following bills from various departments in the amounts of:

I. Appointments:

- 5:30 p.m. Application of Dartmouth Fire District I. for a One Day Beer & Wine License for November 3, 2012
- Annual Clam Bake on November 3, 2012 at Fire District I on Bridge Street.
 - Tickets are \$30.00 please call at 508-996-1596
 - *After a motion was made by Selectman Michael Watson and seconded by Vice-Chair Shawn McDonald, it was voted unanimously (4-0) to approve the application for a One Day Beer & Wine License for Dartmouth Fire District I for November 3, 2012.*

New Business:

- A. Hurricane Sandy Debrief
- Staff prepared for Hurricane Sandy the week before it hit.
 - The Police and Fire Chiefs met with Dave on Sunday prior to the hurricane hitting us on Monday.
 - Meetings were held every 12 hours during the storm.
 - Dartmouth was fortunate during the storm in comparison to other Towns.

- Tree limbs and broken trees caused loss of electricity. Approx. 4,000 customers were without power after the storm.
- Nstar performed much better than they did during Hurricane Irene. Nstar needs to improve: Having an employee on the ground in Dartmouth. The DPUC required utilities to put out their own employees, Nstar has not trained their employees on public relations. National Grid has a better interactive map on their website with outages; Nstar needs to improve their website with a better mapping tool.
- Chief Lee provided the Select Board with the Operation Plan that was used for Hurricane Sandy.
- The Emergency Operation Center was hosted at the Police Department, the Emergency Operations Group met there.
- Two Shelters in Dartmouth: COA and High School
- Code Red calls were made to areas subject to mandatory evacuations and Police Officers went door to door with literature as well. Voluntary evacuation instructions were given via DCTV and on-line.
- Police Department focused on down wires and trees.
- The Select Board thanked David, Cressman, Chief Lee, Fire Departments, DPW and the entire Emergency Response teams in regards to their performance during Hurricane Sandy.
- Senator Kerry joined the Select Board during the de-briefing on Hurricane Sandy.
- DCTV should be broadcasting emergency procedures for residents during crisis situations.
- A Town of Dartmouth Facebook site would be helpful for residents.
- Our website needs to be more user friendly during natural disasters. This will allow residents to get all updates in one place.
- The Mayor of New York has requested support. NY is in need of generators, operations personnel, light towers, drinking water, portable toilets and monetary donations to the Red Cross.

Attest:

David G. Cressman, Town Administrator

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