

Town of East Windsor
Board of Selectmen
Emergency Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 9, 2011

1. TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING

The meeting was called to order on Wednesday, November 9, 2011 at the East Windsor Town Hall 5:30 p.m.

2. ATTENDANCE

Denise Menard, First Selectman
Mark Simmons, Deputy First Selectman
John Burnham, Selectman
Gilbert R. Hayes, Selectman
Richard P. Pippin Jr, Selectman
Dale Nelson
Alan Baker
James C. Richards
Len Norton, Public Works Director
Rose Ann Hightower, O'Brien's

3. DISCUSSION and possible action on debris management resulting from October 29th – 30th snow storm

Len Norton explained a proposal by AshBritt, the State approved contractor for debris removal. AshBritt's debris removal would cost approximately \$750,000. Disposal monitoring and FEMA filing would be an added cost of \$187,500. O'Brien's, a monitoring company presented their services.

John Burnham stated the Town is not responsible for brush on private property. He proposed burning or piling the brush at Town garage and letting it sit there. He also suggested the Town negotiate a price with contractors and have taxpayers pay individually. Jim Richards agreed.

Dick Pippin suggested hiring part time people, renting chippers or a tub grinder or burning the brush.

Len Norton stated the costs for disposal of brush at Greencycle would be approximately \$3 - \$4 per cubic yard.

East Windsor businessmen, Herb Holden and Dennis Botticello spoke in favor of using Town businesses for trucking & chipping.

Robin Hightower of O'Brien's strongly advised that the Town would still have to monitor the tonnage disposed of if a private company handled the removal.

Denise Menard asked for an estimate of how long it would take for FEMA reimbursement. Robin Hightower estimated:

- 1 month for process of debris
- 2 weeks for processing paperwork
- 45 days to reimburse

To recap, the Selectmen were in agreement that residents should be told that:

1. The first option is to continue allowing residents to bring debris to the Town Garage;
2. Suggest that residents can hire local contractors at their cost,
3. For residents that cannot remove their own debris and don't want to pay a contractor, they can pile debris 3 feet from the road remembering to keep sight lines and sidewalks clear of debris. The Town will not guarantee when debris will be picked up.
4. The Town will continue to wait for confirmation of FEMA reimbursements before taking on the expense of removing storm debris close to the road.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

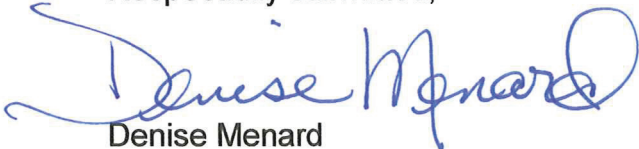
It was **MOVED** (R. Pippin and **SECONDED** (Simmons) to go into Executive Session to discuss contracts and personnel matters at 6:50 pm to include the Board of Selectmen and Len Norton, Public Works Director. Len Norton left the Executive Session at 7:05 pm.

The Board came out of executive session at 7:20 p.m. No action was taken.

5. ADJOURNMENT

It was **MOVED** (Hayes) and **SECONDED** (Simmons) and **PASSED** unanimously to adjourn at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Denise Menard
First Selectman