

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
September 3, 2010

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An emergency meeting of the Orleans Board of Selectmen was held on Friday, September 3, 2010 at the Orleans Fire Station. Present were Chairwoman Margie Fulcher, Vice-Chairman Sims McGrath Jr., Clerk Jon R. Fuller, Selectman David M. Dunford, Selectwoman Susan B. Christie, Town Administrator John Kelly and Assistant Town Administrator Myra Suchenicz.

Also present were Fire Chief William Quinn, Police Chief Jeffrey Roy, Deputy Police Chief Scott MacDonald, Deputy Fire Chief Anthony Pike, Water Dept. Foreman Todd Bunzick, Harbormaster Dawson Farber, and Asst. Harbormaster Gardner Jamieson.

Chairwoman Fulcher called the meeting to order at 9:35 am. Chief Quinn reported that the storm was gaining speed but losing strength, and storm surge was estimated to occur during low tide. The storm would probably be downgraded to a Category 1, but was still a concern. Regional shelters were open, including those accepting pets in Harwich and Yarmouth. Storm-related information had been posted on the Web site and Channel 18.

Mr. Kelly noted that the Code Red system could send messages to all land lines in town within twenty minutes, as well as to all cell phones for which the service had been requested. Chief Quinn outlined the proposed equipment operators staffing plan, which was divided into two shifts to accommodate transfer station staffing on Saturday.

Chief Roy described communications planning and equipment, and noted that Verizon would not have the battery issues that Nextel experienced during the December 2005 storm. Forty NStar trucks were in Orleans ready to respond to Lower Cape incidents. The main command center for the Cape was located in Bourne, with National Guard units, fire personnel, and other assistance available to the towns.

On a motion by Mr. Fuller, seconded by Mrs. Christie, the Board voted to declare a local state of emergency and turn the town over to Fire Chief Quinn as Civil Defense Director for the duration of the storm and cleanup. The vote was 5-0-0.

Mr. Kelly noted that payment of storm-related expenses from the municipal self-insurance fund would be available with a vote of the Board of Selectmen on Wednesday evening. Locations for downed trees and other storm debris have been identified. Chief Roy will contact other towns to see if any would be requiring bars and restaurants to close early.

There was no other business.

On a motion by Mr. McGrath, and seconded by Mr. Fuller, the Board voted to adjourn. The vote was 5-0-0.

Jon R. Fuller, Clerk