

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES
JULY 13, 2011**

Present: Thomas Creamer, Chairman
Mary Dowling
Mary Blanchard
Angeline Ellison
Priscilla Gimas
Shaun Suhoski, Town Administrator

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. following the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tornado Response Update

S. Suhoski provided an update regarding debris removal. T. Creamer commented on the work done by volunteers and the return of some residents to their neighborhoods. P. Gimas noted that there was additional debris to be removed from Old Falls Road. She suggested that “No Trespassing” signs be posted to discourage sightseers and others who may want to trespass in the areas affected by the tornado.

John Trahan, 22 Willard Road, commented that the police have been helpful, and traffic has been slowing down in his neighborhood. He noted that there is a large root ball across from his property that should be removed.

Scott Pilate, 16 Willard Road, provided positive feedback regarding the efforts of Town staff to assist with the situation.

Randy Redetzke suggested that there be an action plan ready in case of a fire, and suggested that volunteers be added to supplement the Sturbridge Fire Department. He suggested that CERT be called out for the removal of additional debris.

Mary Redetzke said that the Verizon pole opposite 58 Streeter Road should be addressed.

Dr. Susan Waters noted that volunteers are needed to register for work on Saturday and Sunday between 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. She noted that a variety of services are needed. She suggested that volunteers bring rakes and tarps to the Federated Church.

T. Creamer assured the residents that relief efforts are ongoing, and any problems they may have should be reported to the Town.

MOTION: To adjourn, by M. Blanchard.
2nd: P. Gimás
Vote: All in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Knowles

BOS Clerk

Date