

**TOWN OF  
TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
FINAL MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> of January 2009**

Board members present: Board of Selectmen-J. Kieley, T. Petro, M. Darnell

J. McTague, Police Chief; T. Fiske, Road Agent; S. Harling, EMD; M. Connolly, Fire Chief

Call to Order by Kieley at 2:00 p.m.

1. Subject: Discussion of the December 11, 2008 Ice Storm. The first part of the discussion involved getting a permanently installed generator to run the Municipal Building/Fire Station. Chief McTague stated that this would be a good option as there needs to be a central location for an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) for coordinating different functions that isn't open to the public. McTague also stated that the EMD needs to be at the EOC coordinating and not performing different jobs. The second issue for discussion centered on Department communications. The Sprint network for cell phones used by the Highway Department was down during the critical phases of the ice storm. The Administrative Assistant has Verizon and the Fire Chief Connolly has U.S. Cellular, both of these services remained active during the entire event. Discussion about purchasing inexpensive radios and a small base station radio for the EOC. McTague suggested inquiring about whether the old Temple Mountain Ski Patrol frequency might be available. Connolly informed the Board that the Fire Department has 6 digital radios that contain various channels and 10 or 12 two-channel radios. Connolly also informed the Board that by 2013 all radios will need to be digital. Discussion about communication with residents included suggestions about setting up a system of neighborhood or street "Captains" who would be responsible for doing initial checks on residents on their streets; or a "buddy" system where various individuals were paired with residents who would need to be checked on frequently. Pete VonSniedern suggested an information loop. It was also suggested that the Fire Department compile a list of individuals or families who would need to be checked. Tim Fiske, Road Agent, spoke about the Highway Department. Fiske stated that Temple has a small department with limited resources. The Highway Department cannot have someone sitting at the EOC during an emergency. The Department cannot just "grab" people to do work. There was discussion about compiling a resource list of equipment and qualified people. The Board and Department Heads discussed compiling a list consisting of two tiers of volunteers "Professional" and "Amateur". There was discussion about the availability and access to fuel to run equipment. The Highway Department has a hand pump that allows them access to the diesel fuel. Generators were set up at the store to access their gas. Connolly had requested that the Store limit the gas to "emergency purposes" as the Town was supplying the generator.

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2. Subject: The following were listed as items for further discussion and review: (a) follow up on the E911 maps. (b) resident list and house identification. (c) Set up EOC 24/7. (d) DOT detour signs. (e) Resource list. (f) Generators. (g) Volunteer IDs. (h) Street Captains. (i) Communications ie: radios, info loop, transfer of phone (878-2536 number).
  
3. Subject: Dick Benotti informed the Board that the furnace at the Town Hall is not running efficiently and should be cleaned. It was also mentioned that the loop for the library septic and sidewalk is not working properly. Benotti recommended that Pinney Plumbing be retained to clean the furnace and look at the loop, the Board authorized the cleaning of the furnace and repair of the loop.
  
4. Subject: Move by Kieley to adjourn, second by Petro. Meeting adjourned at 3:25 pm.

Minutes submitted by Debra Harling, Administrative Assistant