

**Board of Selectmen  
Special Meeting  
Monday November 19, 2012  
Court Room  
Town Hall  
5:00PM**

**1. Call to order**

Meeting brought to order by Catherine A. Osten, First Selectman. Present were Selectmen Denise Dembinski and Dennison Allen. Also present: Ray Bernier, Harold LaTour, Les Shull, Bob Tardif, Donald Bastien, Claude Pellegrino and Mark Benson.

**2. Debriefing of Hurricane Sandy**

C. Osten stated that the town is well prepared because of the summer exercises held, in those exercises the team reviewed procedures to be followed should an evacuation take place and worked on the town's shelter operations.

Each Team member spoke of what was good and what needs improving.

- B. Tardif – thanks H. LaTour for his experience and knowledge as a former employee with N.E. Utilities, all team members played an active part.
- M. Benson – CL&P and Tree Removal crew worked very well together; things went smoothly.
- D. Allen – Emergency Team worked well together. Great communication between CL&P and Tree Removal crew making the cleanup successful restoring electricity in such a short time.
- H. LaTour – Glad to see N.E. Utilities in Town so quickly.
- C. Pellegrino – was not satisfied with CL&P. Not working together, need systemic solutions.
- D. Bastien – Shelter communications were good.
- L. Shull – CL&P worked diligently.
- R. Bernier – CL&P worked very well; praises M. Benson and his road crew; wants CL&P to dedicate a longer period in town until we see fit.
- D. Dembinski – thanks the team; more than well prepared.
- C. Osten – Team did a great job, going forward, continue to work together.

Improvements to be made:

- Sign boards – for each village notifying the public where to access food, water and shelter.
- Meetings to take place quarterly – preparing community for a 3 week power outage.
- Small Portable Generators – need to be replaced at the Firehouse
- Work on an evacuation plan
- Provide homeowners the information on how to install generators properly.
- Publish a disaster plan in the Our Town Newsletter.
- Address the issue of keeping medications at a stable temperature for residents.