

TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN – SELECT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES – JOINT MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2018 5:00 PM
TOWN HALL – JUDGE WELSH ROOM

Vice Chair Andrews convened the open meeting at 5:00 pm noting the following:

Select Board attending: Vice Chair Andrews, Board Members Louise Venden, Robert Anthony, and Lise King

Excused: Chair Tom Donegan

Other attendees: Town Manager David Panagore, Assistant Town Manager David Gardner

Recorder: Linda Fiorella

1. Presentation and Overview by County and Town Safety Officials on our Emergency Preparedness Plan – Votes May Occur

Town Manager Panagore described elements of the packet and requested the officials introduce themselves; Rex McKinney, Harbormaster; Jim Golden Chief of Police; Mike Trovato, Fire Chief; Sean O'Brien, County Emergency Preparedness Director, Morgan Clark, Health Director and Deputy Emergency Manager; Tim Famulare, Conservation Agent.

Chief Golden described his role as emergency management director as a point of contact for the county, state, and federal levels and his recent training in storm surges. Mr. McKinsey gave an overview of his work and training in response to emergencies. Ferry usage in the event of an emergencies was discussed. Chief Trovato described his work with emergency management and the mutual aid agreement with other towns. Ms. Clark discussed her role as Deputy Emergency Manager.

Mr. O'Brien gave a presentation on the County's work in emergency planning. He began with a brief history of the development of the agency and the support they provide. He began by discussing weather preparedness and the varied amount of warning they have for different weather events. Mr. O'Brien described the County's work providing regional sheltering, equipment resourcing, public awareness, and the services and resources provided by the Multi-Agency Coordination Center including conference calls to communicate with local public safety agencies and locating resources from other parts of Massachusetts and getting them to where they are needed locally. Mr. O'Brien shared information on power outages and restoration of service over the last several years, noting marked improvement in the response times from Eversource. Further discussion covered information dispersal, healthcare, sheltering, volunteering, and sheltering pets and aging population, ICS Training and assisting the Town in an exercise or drill.

Select Member Venden brought up the Coast Guard response to various issues. Mr. McKinsey gave a brief overview of the Coast Guard role in various events. Select Member Venden asked about the role of Outer Cape Health and Ms. Clark stated that Outer Cape Health is an important partner in emergency planning and steps needed to allow them to accept emergency patients was discussed.

Select Member King also asked about procedures in the event of an injured or ill person unable to reach Cape Cod Hospital. Chief Trovato stated that the highways are cleared to transport people as well as med-flights. Ms. Clark added that bike trails can be used in the case of Blackfish Creek flooding. Select Member King asked about preparedness during tourist season and Mr. O'Brien stated that the plans are made for times of the year when there is increased population. The use of Ham radios, and alternate sources of communication for when power and cell service is down was discussed. The need for volunteers to receive

training to be Ham radio operators was announced.

Select Member Anthony expressed concerns about the weather dependency of the Ferry service. Mr. McKinsey agreed, noting that all emergencies and responses are situational.

Vice Chair Andrews asked about the storm on August 9. Mr. O'Brien stated that his agency was not deployed during that event but stated he would look into reports generated by any officials in the towns that were most effected.

Motion: Move that the Select Board approve a table top exercise to be held in Provincetown lead by the County in conjunction with local public safety departments.

Motion: Select Member Venden Second: Select Member Anthony

VOTED

**In Favor: 4
Opposed: 0
Abstain:**

Motion: Move that the Select Board authorize the scheduling of Incident Command System training for the Select Board and other Town Officials as appropriate.

Motion: Select Member Venden Second: Select Member Anthony

There was discussion of whether this would be, and if a recent training in Truro was, a certificate generating class.

VOTED

**In Favor: 4
Opposed: 0
Abstain:**

Motion: Move that staff calenders a one year review of the Town's Emergency Management Plan

Motion: Vice Chair Andrews Seconded: Select Member Anthony

VOTED

**In Favor: 4
Opposed: 0
Abstain:**

Motion: A request for a brief memo addressing the Select Board role in Emergency Preparedness and some things the Board could do, such as the Ham radion, to be even better prepared for serving the town in an emergency situation.

Motion: Vice Chair Andrews Seconded: Select Member Anthony

VOTED

In Favor: 4

Opposed: 0

Abstain:

Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 5:56 pm

Minutes transcribed by: Linda Fiorella