

**Waterbury Select Board Meeting
September 13, 2011
Main Street Fire Station**

Present: R. Ellis, Chair; K. Miller, and B. Butler, Select Board; N. Howell-Sherman, Trustee; W. Shepeluk, Municipal Manager; J. Pizzi, Times Argus; and C. Lawrence, Town Clerk.

See attached list of additional attendees.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00p.m.

Meeting participants included representatives from FEMA, Revitalizing Waterbury, Municipal Staff, Institute for Sustainable Communities, Volunteers, Agency of Human Services and Agency of Commerce and Community Development.

The Board of Revitalizing Waterbury voted to create a fund for -Rebuild Waterburyø to fund the hiring of Project Manager, Construction Manager, Case Manager and Case Workers.

The FEMA representatives discussed their role in the disaster assistance and repeatedly emphasized that affected residents need to register with FEMA and call FEMA for any other needs, most specifically housing. A discussion followed about the interaction between FEMA representatives and volunteers, and the need for FEMA and other organizations to support/take over what volunteers have doing.

FEMA has representatives involved with housing needs. A discussion followed about coordinating information collected from Volunteers with that reported to FEMA, however there are confidentiality restrictions. A member of the housing planning team indicated that the damage threshold is \$10,000 to receive repair money, or if in excess to require temporary housing. There are currently 621 homes in the state above this threshold, half of which are in Washington County, and 160 in Waterbury. These counts are very fluid and residents are urged to call FEMA with their housing concerns. More discussion was held as to housing alternatives and options. It was asked if mobile units could be moved in but they are not practical due to the northern climate. Discussion continued with regard to how different agencies can coordinate their services and contribute to the flood relief efforts.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Lawrence, Town Clerk

Approved September 19, 2011