

Minutes of the Select Board Special Meeting  
Wednesday July 10, 2024  
28 North Main Street and via zoom

**Attendance:** Kane Sweeney, Roger Clapp, Ian Shea, Tom Leitz, Karen Petrovic, Bill Woodruff, Katrina Lisaius, Gary Dillon

**Public Attendance:** Liz Schlegel

**ZOOM:** Central Vermont Chamber of Commerce, Lisa Scagliotti - Waterbury Roundabout, Mike Bard Select Board

R. Clapp called the meeting to order at 10:05am

**Approve Agenda:** K. Sweeney moved to approve the agenda with a request to add an agenda item: discuss the pending storm. I. Shea seconded the motion. A vote was held and passed unanimously to add "pending storm" to the agenda following public comments.

**Consent Agenda Items:** I. Shea made a motion to approve the consent agenda. K. Sweeney seconded the motion. A vote was held and passed unanimously.

**Public:** no comment

**Pending Storm:** T. Lietz stated the most recent release states 2-3" of rain, higher swaths of 5-6". Staff did speak to Emergency Management (EM) yesterday and specifically asked about the dam gates. EM has a method of when dam gates get adjusted. L. Schlegel stated she received information the Emergency Operations Center will operate at 3pm today. The Waterbury Fire will be staging a Swift Water Rescue team at the station overnight. There will be an EM meeting today at 4pm.

Currently EM is saying Northern and Southern VT are at the most risk however some apps are including all of Center Vermont. CReW is prepared to lead a response if flooding occurs. They are reaching out to other communities as well to offer assistance. Water activated sandbags are available for individuals as needed. Should Thatcher Brook flood it may impact the end of Guptil and Route 100. VTrans would close the road if flooding were to occur. The bridge that is under construction now is not susceptible to flooding.

Recreation/Day Camp - Wesley Church is the lowest location for the three summer camps in operation. Swim and tennis for this evening are cancelled now. Staff is prepared to evacuate Wesley and go to another location if necessary. Dac Rowe is being prepared for possible flooding now by the Parks crew. 422 feet above sea level is when the storm drains may begin to back up, Wesley is prone to this. Road crews are out now clearing ditches and preparing as best they can for weather related road issues. Message to the public should include CReW's efforts and the time of an update which is 4pm today. Include CReW email and emergency phone number.

If the river rises to 417-418' the lower end of Union Street and Route 2 are at risk.

T. Leitz will reach out regarding shelters if they are needed.

There are 1,000 sand bags unfilled if needed. There is no manpower to fill them at this time but if homeowners want to fill, they can, contact CReW or Bill Woodruff to make arrangements.

More volunteers are needed.

Vermont Community Foundation has contracted with Stormwise. CReW intends to use this if there is widespread flooding but if the damages are isolated then volunteers will be dispatched to those areas. L.

Schlegel confirmed that Moretown and Middlesex are in the CReW work area. Waitsfield and Warren are not in the service area because they were not impacted in the last flood. L. Schlegel would consult with these communities if help is needed however, she's not sure CReW will act in those communities if they do not have disaster preparedness in place.

L. Schlegel confirmed the library is a cooling center if the power were to go out and folks need air conditioning. The heat advisory has now moved.

There is no immediate need to schedule another meeting currently.

This storm is expected to recede quickly.

**Adjourn: K Sweeney moved to adjourn with a thanks to staff and chief for attending. I. Shea seconded the motion; a vote was held and passed unanimously.**

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