

Town of New Fairfield
Board of Finance
4 Brush Hill Road
New Fairfield, CT 06812

MINUTES
Board of Finance Emergency Meeting
Saturday, November 5, 2011
10:30 AM
Town Hall Conference Room

Members present:

Wes Marsh, Chairman
Robert Klick
Tom Wahlig
Don Blackwell, Alternate
Brian Shea, Alternate

Members not present:

Tom Edwards
Keith Landa
Jane Landers
Tom Quigley, Alternate

Other Town Officials Present:

John Hodge, First Selectman

Call To Order Chairman Wes Marsh called the meeting to order at 10:31 am and noted that an emergency meeting was necessary in order to give the first selectman an opportunity to update the BOF on expenses related to the Oct. 29th snowstorm and ensuing power outage.

Appointments- Jane Landers asked that Brian Shea be appointed in her absence

Update on current financial situation regarding the storm of October 29th

First Selectman John Hodge spoke of the expenses to the town due to the snow storm of October 29, 2011 and the subsequent power outage that followed. Immediately following the storm, the Town of New Fairfield was 100% out of power and Mr. Hodge declared a state of emergency on October 29th.

Mr. Hodge noted that the cost of this storm could exceed hundreds of thousands of dollars. This was compared to Hurricane Irene (August 27 and 28, 2011) which cost the town approximately \$70,000. President Obama declared a State of Emergency and FEMA money may be collected for reimbursement.

There was a discussion of the cost of the storm and it was suggested that the money for this storm be taken out of the General Fund.

There was a discussion of hiring private contractors to chip up branches and brush. It was noted that these contractors would cover all roads and not just the town roads.

Members of the BOF thanked First Selectman Hodge and everyone who helped during this storm.

Adjournment

Wes Marsh made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:00am. Robert Klick seconded the motion.

Vote: 4-0-0 (Motion approved)

