

**MEETING NOTES**

**Board of the Barnstable County Commissioners:**

William Doherty	Present
Mary Pat Flynn	Present
Sheila R. Lyons	Present

The Commissioners recited the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a Moment of Silence.

**I. 2:01 p.m. Public Comment - None offered**

**II. 2:05 p.m. Update on storm "Nemo" - Sean O'Brien, Environmental Specialist, Barnstable County Department of Health and Environment**

Mr. O'Brien, representing the Barnstable County Regional Emergency Planning Committee (BCREPC), spoke about the storm and how the event impacted the Barnstable County. The Multi Agency Coordination Center (MACC) at Otis Military Base was open on Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup> until Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. On site with the MACC staff was NSTAR representative informing the Agency on the progress of the repairs.

Commissioner Doherty expressed his concerns with the fact that NSTAR's web site did not provide the map of power outages which was misleading to the public. The County always assures people on providing the maps and that should be addressed with NSTAR representatives.

Commissioner Flynn stated that NSTAR was not capable of updating people on the status and time of repairs. That should be something they need to work on in the future before the next storm. There were also a lot of medical issues during the storm and the hospitals had to turn those people down because of the lack of availability. The shelters however were not properly equipped to serve those people.

Next Mr. O'Brien talked about the lack of volunteers during the storm, people that volunteered were overtired, had worked over 24 hours continuously. There should be a shifts system and the Agency needs help from various organizations to provide volunteers in the future events. Mr. O'Brien stated that perhaps there should be a way through the government entity or some other organization that would help with finding the volunteers.

Mr. O'Brien said that one of the biggest supports that the Agency received during the storm was the help from AmeriCorps. Also he would like to talk to Red Cross and see if they had similar issues with volunteers.

Commissioner Flynn asked about the role of Red Cross in the storm. Mr. O'Brien explained that Red Cross provided the support to the shelter operations. All three shelters that were open on the Cape were full service shelters which means pet friendly because people do not want to leave their houses and leave their pets behind. That portion of the shelters was run by Disaster Animal Response Team. In all three shelters there were around 50 pets.

Mr. O'Brien also talked about major power outages and how they affected the shelter in Sandwich that had to be moved to Falmouth because of the malfunction of the generator.

Commissioner Flynn said that when the shelter was moved to Falmouth the volunteers did not come with them and that needs to be addressed.

Mr. O'Brien also applauded the Regional Transport Authority for their role in transporting people from the communities to shelters and from Sandwich to Falmouth. They provided 11 drivers that volunteered their time to help during the storm. Another important part was to have the Red Cross representative and the National Guard on the site to help coordinate people coming and going. Additionally Mr. O'Brien thanked all the volunteers that came and offered their help that was so crucial during this storm.

Next Mr. O'Brien talked about shortage in medical equipment that was especially noticed during this particular storm. He suggested maybe in the future involving three Cape Cod schools that have culinary programs, in preparing food ahead of time.

Commissioner Flynn suggested to maybe getting some local restaurants involvement in that matter.

Commissioner Lyons talked about the volunteering issue, suggesting in the future to have assigned people scheduling the volunteers and has them picked up from their homes in trucks with plows.

Commissioner Lyons also suggested for Mr. O'Brien to get in touch with town managers and together through websites, town meetings, handouts advertise the need for volunteers on the Cape.

Commissioner Lyons suggested to Mr. O'Brien to get in touch with Animal Shelter League and communicate with them in the event of next emergency event.

The Commissioners thanked Mr. O'Brien for his work during the storm.

### **III. 2:51 p.m. Final Budget Presentation**

Commissioner Flynn informed the public that Mark Zielinski, County Administrator, was absent due to the illness and was not able to present the final proposed FY2014 budget to the Assembly. He will be doing his presentation at the later date.

*Motion made by Commissioner Doherty to approve the Proposed FY2014 budget, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Lyons, approved 3-0-0.*

### **IV. Commissioners Actions**

*Motion made by Commissioner Doherty to approve the Meeting Minutes of January 30<sup>th</sup>, February 6<sup>th</sup> and February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Lyons, approved 3-0-0.*

*Motion made by Commissioner Doherty to approve the Summary of Items, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Lyons, approved 3-0-0:*

- 1) Executed the Amendment to the Contract between Cape Light Compact (CLC), in accordance with our responsibility as Fiscal Agent for CLC, and Lockheed Martin Services, Inc., in the amount of \$123,937.00, for Energy Efficient Lighting & Appliance Services, Exhibit B, for the period of January 1, 2013 - December 31, 2013.
- 2) Executed the Amendment to the Contract between Cape Light Compact (CLC), in accordance with our responsibility as Fiscal Agent for CLC, and Honeywell International, Inc., in the amount of \$62,234.00, for Contractor Portal Services, Exhibit A Scope of Work and Exhibit B, for the period of January 1, 2013 - December 31, 2013.

Barnstable, ss. at 2:58 p.m. on this twentieth day of February, A.D. 2013, Commissioner Flynn moved to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Lyons, approved 3-0-0.