

**Meeting Called to Order:** 7:05

**Members Present:**

Doug Wellman  
David Parker, Jr.  
Tom Staats

**Members of the Public:**

Mark Bills

The power was out for the first part of the meeting until about 7:45 so the meeting started with the representatives from SAIC, hired by the State, speaking on Mitigation Grants.

**Previous Minutes:**

N/A

**Members of public:**

N/A

**Old Business:**

- Wellman asks if the other members got a chance to look at the financials but they had not received them. It was the numbers that are going in the town report. It looks as if it was shorter than originally anticipated. Parker comments on the IRS fines and the missed grant money however, Wellman states that the grant money wasn't part of the budget.
- Staats discusses the dog issue and agrees with Wellman on delaying the notice.

**Road Report**

***Mitigation Grants***

- Representatives for the state are present to share information.
- **Athens Road Culvert**
  - o Staats noted that the culvert on Athens road is undersized and determined by DOT that it was and suggested a box culvert or bridge. The representatives questioned whether damage from Irene to which he replied that it was. The representatives explain the difference between Public Assistance (406) and Hazard Mitigation (404). They comment that this project is probably eligible for both but definitely for 404.
  - o The hydrology study from VTRANS will come into play for the determination of what type of work is cost effective for repairs. Cost analysis will be done to see how much damage has already been done prior to Irene. Bills indicates that he has had to fill in around this culvert 5 times before the storm.
  - o Staats asks if he needs the number of houses that were out of access as a result of the storm. Wellman thinks he has that information as well. The representatives agree this is helpful.
- **Parker Road Culvert**
  - o This culvert has had continual flooding to two residents. The road was damaged around this culvert during Irene. The residents' damage was \$9k and \$50k due to this flooded culvert. One resident was flooded at least 3 times in the last 5 years and the other resident floods annually. The Selectboard informs the representatives that Patton's property is in a flood zone but unsure

about Winchester's. The representatives recommend getting FEMA here immediately to do project worksheet for this.

- The damage costs from the homes can be added to the formula in the BCA.
- Bills said he saw someone taking pictures at the Athens road culvert today so presumably this was for the hydrology study.
- The deadlines to have 404 applications in are Feb. 16 and March 17. The application deadlines for 406 won't end until it's closed out. The priority is acquisition of homes for the February deadline, however, if an application is not considered during the initial deadline, it will automatically roll over to the March deadline.
- The Town received a load of crushed stone which has been dumped in town yard and Bills filled major potholes at Cornish.
- Four barriers have been put on Putney Mt. road... two at the top and two at the bottom... to deter traffic through the winter. They are marked with fluorescent paint and the seasonal signs have been marked as well. The barriers were only \$40 a piece.
- Bills notes that water was starting to come up through the crack in Hill Road by the power lines.

**New Business:**

N/A

**Correspondence**

- Windham Solid Waste Budget

**Pay Orders:**

<b>What</b>	<b>Order#</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Payroll	16	\$101.42
Payroll	17	\$960.81
Acct. Payable	18*	\$14524.82

\*needs to be checked for accuracy with Treasurer

Parker motioned to approve the pay orders. Staats seconded. All approved.

The next regular meeting is February 15<sup>th</sup> at the Town Office at 7:00 PM.

**Meeting adjourned: 8:25**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Amy Niebel  
Clerk of Brookline Selectboard