

**HAMPTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM  
June 5, 2006 – 7:00 PM**

**PRESENT:** Virginia Bridle-Russell, Chairman  
Ben Moore, Vice-Chairman  
James Workman  
Rick Griffin  
Bill Lally  
James S. Barrington, Town Manager  
Maureen Duffy, Administrative Assistant

**REGRETS:**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**1 – TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE - GRANTS ADMINISTRATION DIVISION (GAD) UNDER THE SECURE OUR SCHOOLS INITIATIVE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENHANCING SECURITY OF LOCAL SCHOOLS.**

Police Chief Jamie Sullivan addressed the board. The local match for the grant will be provided by the Winnacunnet High School which is a requirement. The intent of the grant is to purchase surveillance cameras to improve security within the school.

Public Comment: None

**Mr. Moore MOTIONED** to approve and accept the Secure Our Schools grant in the amount of \$199,184 with the local share being \$99,942 from the Winnacunnet High School District. **Mr. Workman SECONDED.**  
**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

**2 - YOUTH LIQUOR LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANT AWARDED BY THE NH DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

Public Comment: None

**Mr. Workman MOTIONED** to approve and accept the Youth Liquor Law Enforcement Grant for the amount of \$5,802. **Mr. Griffin SECONDED.**  
**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

### **3 - THE APPLICATION FOR A BARN PRESERVATION EASEMENT AT 435 EXETER ROAD.**

Town Assessor Bob Estey addressed the Board. He noted that the Board's decision to accept and determine a percentage is the final step in the process of the barn preservation easement process.

Public Comment: None

**Mr. Moore MOTIONED** to grant the barn preservation easement for 435 Exeter Road and to provide a 50% reduction in value. **Mr. Griffin SECONDED.**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

**Chairman Virginia Bridle-Russell called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm and introduced those in attendance.**

### **SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

Eagle Scout Kevin Buckley led the salute to the flag.

### **I. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

Mr. Moore announced that there will be a public forum held on June 14 at 7pm in the Selectmen's meeting room to take comments on potential uses for the former courthouse.

Mr. Moore also announced that Alice Alford and Joanne Mulready are celebrating their 20<sup>th</sup> year of service at the Lane Memorial Library. Jean Keefe is retiring after 29 years of service with the Library.

Mr. Griffin reported that the James House is having a strawberry and rhubarb recipe contest on June 25. Entry forms are available at the Lane Library and at the Town office.

### **II. APPOINTMENTS**

#### **1. JUDE DIONNE, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – SEAFOOD FESTIVAL**

Jude Dionne and Doc Noel addressed the Board. They mentioned that the Seafood Festival is in its 17<sup>th</sup> consecutive year.

The event will take place on September 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> those interested in seeking additional information may view festival website at [www.hamptonbeachseafoodfestival.com](http://www.hamptonbeachseafoodfestival.com).

There are 13 parking lots throughout Hampton with shuttle services available. The shuttle drivers are volunteers and the buses are supplied by First Student. The Chamber is very appreciative of the community support.

Ms. Dionne discussed the many expenses that have increased over the years, such as mandatory insurance premiums and electricity. In order for the event to be financially feasible the Chamber will need to increase admission fees. The Chamber is proposing to increase the fee to \$5 from \$4, and the two day rate to \$8. Kids under twelve years of age are free and Friday evening will remain free as it has in past years.

Chamber representatives requested the Board of Selectmen to consider supporting their proposal to increase admission fees.

There was some discussion on whether people would pay the additional dollar. The Chamber has researched other state fair admission fees and determined that the increase was still reasonable. The Chamber will provide training to volunteers working the entrances to deal with situations when people are not willing to pay.

**Mr. Workman MOTIONED** to indorse the admission fee increase to \$5 for the Seafood Festival contingent upon the approval from the NH Department of Transportation. **Mr. Lally SECONDED.**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

## **1. KEVIN BUCKLEY TO PRESENT EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT TO BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Elizabeth Aykroyd introduced Eagle Scout Kevin Buckley. Kevin conducted a project which entailed recording and documenting head stone inscriptions for the Ring Swamp cemetery. He spent over 400 hours to complete the project. He has placed his documented work in a large binder which he presented to the Board of Selectmen. The book will be stored at the Town Clerk's office and will be available to the public.

The Board congratulated Kevin for his efforts and for completing his Eagle Scout project.

## **2. FLOOD RELIEF UPDATE**

Many of the residents from Taylor River Estates were present. Chairman Bridle-Russell requested that comments will be taken at the end of the meeting during the public comment session.

Fire Chief Hank Lipe, Police Chief Jamie Sullivan and Public Works Operations Manager Doug Mellin, and David Spainhwer addressed the Board.

Each department has assessed their performance during the flood. Chief Sullivan reported that there were some issues handled well and some handled poorly. He said that there is room for improvement. During the 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> the department answered over 170 calls. There were many heart wrenching stories that he has heard from people with property damage. The Police Department worked towards contacting State officials on the weekend, but were unsuccessful. Chief Sullivan stated that there were times where dispatch did not always know what to do. A lot of the calls were forwarded from Public Works to the Police station during the weekend. Chief Sullivan believes that there is room for the three departments to communicate better and work in unison.

Chief Lipe reported that during May 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> the department received 84 calls. All calls were handled in a timely, professional manner and no citizen went without service that called for assistance. The Fire Department does not have the equipment or the manpower to pump out basements. The priority for the department was to

ensure the safety of occupants, by turning off utilities and evacuating when necessary. The Fire Department increased staff to the best of their ability on May 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> to deal with the increased in service demands.

The first fire engine crew responded at 8 am to check on the water level at Taylor River Estates. On May 14<sup>th</sup> Hampton fire personnel notified the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) about the possibility of the culvert being blocked. Since the flooding occurred on a Sunday and State offices were closed, Hampton personnel found it very frustrating to contact the correct State department which is responsible for I95. On Monday May 15<sup>th</sup> the Town Manager, Fire Chief, Police Chief and Public Works Director met to discuss the problems and demands that the departments were dealing with. Chief Lipe also believes that there is a need for unity between the departments during emergency situations.

Mr. Mellin said that Public Works had extra personnel on duty over the May 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> weekend as well as on the 15<sup>th</sup>. The Department anticipated drainage problems with the amount of rain expected over the weekend and arranged to have extra personnel on duty. Many staff members were out of town for the weekend and were unavailable. Public Works had sand bags available but did not have the personnel to fill the bags. The Department did not have any pumps to help people out. Mr. Mellin said that Public Works did what they could do.

David Spainhower also agreed that there is a need for better communications and involvement from the departments and the State. He thanked all the Public Work personnel for their efforts during the flood situation.

After reviewing the Fire Department's Activity Log and reading the emergency plan Mr. Moore believes that the Fire Department fulfilled their duties of shutting down power, and evacuating residents when necessary. He also emphasized the importance of accumulating contact information and distributing the list to all of the departments. He also said that the emergency plan needs to be confirmed by the Selectmen as there are some responsibilities that are required by the Selectmen. Mr. Moore noted that Public Works fulfilled their portion of the emergency plan by inspecting and responding accordingly to bridges and dams of concern.

Mr. Barrington mentioned that he has been in contact with the New Hampshire Turnpike Authority representative Jon Hanson. Who told him that the culvert was not blocked and that it was the amount of water that caused the flooding problem. In addition, Mr. Barrington had photographs supporting Mr. Hanson's claim. Unfortunately Mr. Hanson was not able to attend this Board of Selectmen meeting. Mr. Barrington will invite Mr. Hanson to the next Board meeting.

Mr. Barrington also reported that people in non-flood zones can purchase insurance at a greatly reduced rate and suggested that those interested should contact their home owners insurance company.

Chief Sullivan stated that on Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, Chief Lipe, the Town Manager and himself were out assessing the flood situation and from their point of view did not feel there was enough substance to the situation for the Emergency Center to be open, as all evacuations were handled.

During the flood, roads that had water flowing over them were barricaded and closed as there was a concern about the condition of the road underneath.

Chief Sullivan believes that more information needs to be provided to dispatchers in order for them to help more people during these types of situations.

Mr. Griffin commented on an article in the Portsmouth Herald discussing emergency management during a hurricane. Chief Lipe explained that this was a unique situation as no one had experienced this type of flooding

before and no one expected the water table to come up as a result of a rain event. Hurricanes can be watched which gives emergency crews the opportunity to prepare and react accordingly. The type of flooding that occurred came out of the ground and effected three quarters of the community.

The Fire Department had the full amount of staff on duty during the flood (eight field fire fighters and one dispatcher). Towards the latter part of the weekend and on Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup> the Fire Department was able to get more staff on duty to deal with the demand for service. There was some overtime accumulated as a result of the flood.

The Town needs to reevaluate this type of flooding emergency management. Chief Lipe stated that the departments should have been in unified command mode rather than working independently as it would have been more efficient. This would have provided the departments the opportunity to assess the flood collectively.

Mr. Griffin asked the Town Manager what he believes to be the requirements to declare an emergency. Mr. Barrington replied by stating that department heads met to evaluate the flood and to identify weaknesses. He believes that the emergency plan needs to be updated to address this type of situation. During the weekend when the flooding occurred he was in contact with Chief Lipe and Public Works personnel. All departments were out working and dealing with the situation as well as they could. In retrospect perhaps they should have opened the Emergency Center and will definitely consider it in the future.

Departments have been instructed to track all additional expenses that were incurred during the flooding for FEMA reimbursements.

Mr. Workman believes that Town personnel did the best they could do with the resources they had. Observations from the flooding crisis need to be made and the proper resources need to be provided to Town residents.

Mr. Lally said that he didn't hear any complaints about Town employees not out working. The question at hand is putting everything together.

Mr. Moore commented that the hurricane emergency plan is more detailed.

The Turnpike Authority did report that there were no restrictions to the culvert located near Taylor River Estates and that the culvert was receiving the maximum amount of water and the I95 embankment became the dam. There will be State officials studying and reporting on the culvert.

Chairman Bridle-Russell reported that the Town has always done very well in emergency drills and that real situations are often more overwhelming. She hopes that the Town has learned from this experience and will work towards improving communications with all levels of government and departments.

Chief Lipe announced to Town property owners to contact FEMA to register at 1-800-621-FEMA or on line [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov) for financial assistance. FEMA does respond in a timely matter. The Town will submit flood type expenses to FEMA to help cover costs.

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### **III. MINUTES – MAY 22, 2006**

Page 3 – 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph from bottom – 4<sup>th</sup> line

Should read:

Mr. Chamberland commented on

Other amendments on page 3 included:

Frank Chamberland not Fred.

Mrs. Boynton was frustrated that sand bags were not provided

The minutes stand as corrected.

### **IV. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **1. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

There were allegations made at the May 22 Selectmen's meeting that the Hampton Fire Department was pumping water out of a house on Towle Farm Road. Mr. Barrington publicly corrected the false allegation. The Hampton Falls fire department offers a service of providing water for swimming pools for a fee. A Hampton citizen who lives on Towle Farm Road, and happens to work for the Hampton Fire Department, paid the Hampton Falls Fire Department to provide pool water. That was what was apparently seen and incorrectly reported to the Board on Channel 22.

Mr. Barrington noted that there were only two property owners at Taylor River Estates that left materials out for to pickup on May 23.

When DPW trash crews went to Taylor River Estates on May 23, there were two residences with flood damaged material set out. He has not received a report about last week's pickup. The Public Works Director reported that they subsequently sent the street sweeper down the street to clean up leaves and dirt near the cul-de-sac that were apparently left by the flood waters.

Jon Hanson of the turnpike bureau was planning to be in attendance that evening but was unable to attend. Representative Mike O'Neil informed the Town Manager that the legislature had voted to provide \$5-million towards disaster relief.

Jeff LeDuc has been sworn in as the new Fire Inspector in addition Jason Newman and David Blacford.

Dave McNamara reports that Zoppo has sidewalks in through J Street, with K Street basically ready to go; unfortunately, it doesn't look good for concrete Friday or Saturday. They've finished the drainage on Hobson, and paved about half of the trench Thursday, hopefully they'll be able to finish the patch paving on Friday. Island Path curbing is slated for next week. The week of June 12th, Brox will be back, hopefully to finish off all of the street paving.

Mr. Barrington met this week with Russ Dean of Exeter and Paul Deschaine of Stratham regarding the possible location of the new consolidated District Court. At the May 19 meeting, there were three specific criteria for the location established by the State. (1) Access to major transportation artery, (2) access to public water and sewer

services, and (3) The land must be donated to the State. Currently, Seabrook and Hampton have offered land which might be considered to meet all three of these criteria. Mr. Barrington would like the Board to consider if their offer to donate the old courthouse property still stands.

June 6 is the deadline for residents to change their party affiliation to vote in the state primary. Those interested may go to the Town Clerks office.

Mr. Barrington reported on finance questions that Mr. Moore had from previous meetings. The cost estimate to implement GASB 34 is \$20,000. It is possible to have the accounting method in place in 2007. The financial summary page has been posted on the Town website. It appears that a public hearing was not scheduled to accept the police and fire grants that Mr. Moore had inquired about.

### **SELECTMEN'S RESPONSE TO THE TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Moore asked about the spur road. Mr. Barrington said that no one showed up to the pre-bid but the school is working on a contract. The school plans on starting construction shortly after school is done towards the end of June.

Mr. Moore inquired about the Public Works memo which suggested that the sewer tie-in deadline be extended to the end of June 2007.

People who are leasing land are responsible to pay for their own sewer tie-in connection.

Mr. Moore questioned if the land lot that the former courthouse is located on is big enough to accommodate the proposed consolidated District Court plus the proposed expansion to Station #2. Mr. Barrington does not believe that it would be large enough.

**Mr. Moore MOTIONED** to establish June 2007 as the deadline for tie-in connections to be completed to the new sewer lines. **Mr. Griffin SECONDED.**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

Town Attorney Gearreald noted that the State is seeking free land and that Hampton's offer would qualify as it meets all of the State's prerequisites. It is likely that the State will view all the offered locations prior to making a decision. It is necessary for Hampton to communicate their intentions before June 15. Attorney Gearreald suggested that having the consolidated District Court in Hampton would benefit the Town by providing a larger police presence, convenience for staff, as well as boost the local economy.

Chairman Bridle-Russell is not in favor of the Courthouse property being given to the State. State Representative Mike O'Neil believes that the Courthouse property is too valuable to give away.

**Mr. Moore MOTIONED** to withdraw Hampton's offer to use the former courthouse land lot for the new district courthouse. **Mr. Workman SECONDED.**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

## **2. PW MODULAR TRAILER**

After discussing the modular trailer option to the sewer crews, Public Works Director John Hangen proposed that the money be used to build a foundation for a future garage as funds from the department come available.

Consensus of the Board was to not to accept the modular trailer.

## **OTHER OLD BUSINESS**

Attorney Gearreald will be attending the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) meeting. He has distributed information to the Board regarding the PUC settlement.

Mr. Griffin mentioned that a senior who lives next door to the library has a drainage issue because of the slope of the street. Mr. Barrington said that the Town did a study many years ago on drainage needs and noted that the area is a concern that will be considered for drainage improvements when funding comes available.

## **V. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING FOR LETTERED STREETS LOADING ZONES AND PARKING ORDINANCES**

**Mr. Griffin MOTIONED** to schedule a public hearing to take comments on loading zones and parking regulations along the lettered streets south of D Street. **Mr. Workman SECONDED.**

#### **DISCUSSION:**

There will be no appointments scheduled for that night and the proposed ordinance changes will be posted at library and beach fire station. A draft of the proposed changes will be presented to the Board by the end of the week.

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

### **2. LIBRARY TRUSTEE ALTERNATES**

**Mr. Workman MOTIONED** to appoint Dorothy Gooby and Linda Sadlock as Trustee Alternates to the Lane Memorial Library Board from April 2006 to March 2007 according to RSA 202-A:10. **Mr. Moore SECONDED.**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

### **3. ROUTE 101 SATURATION PATROL GRANT AWARDED BY THE NH HIGHWAY SAFETY AGENCY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,944.**

**Mr. Lally MOTIONED** to approve and accept Route 101 Saturation Patrol Grant awarded by the NH Highway Safety Agency in the amount of \$2,944. **Mr. Moore SECONDED.**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

**4. YOUTH DRIVER ENFORCEMENT GRANT AWARDED BY THE NH HIGHWAY SAFETY AGENCY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,944.**

Withdrawn – funding not available at this time.

**5. OHRV ENFORCEMENT GRANT AWARDED BY THE NH FISH & GAME DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,375.**

**Mr. Workman MOTIONED** to approve and accept the OHRV Enforcement Grant awarded by the NH Fish & Game Department in the amount of \$3,375. **Mr. Moore SECONDED.**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

**6. CORRECTIVE DEED FOR MAP 132 / LOT 522 – 4 SHAW STREET**

Mr. Barrington explained that the original deed was flawed and the owner had requested a corrective deed.

The Town Attorney explained that the original deed was executed by the Selectmen in 1984 and the signatures were not dated. The Attorney has a quitclaim deed to sort out the situation.

**Mr. Workman MOTIONED** to sign the corrective deed for Map 132 / Lot 522 Shaw Street. **Mr. Griffin SECONDED.**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

**VI. CONSENT AGENDA**

**1. ENTERTAINMENT PERMITS – ASHWORTH BY THE SEA AND 931 OCEAN**

Mr. Moore suggested removing 931 Ocean from the consent agenda as he would like clarification of whether alcohol can be service on an outside patio. The Angela Titone the president of 931 Ocean addressed the Board. She informed the Board that it is the exact same area that was used by the previous owner. Chief Sullivan reviewed the property map and came to the conclusion that his only concern was the outside entertainment request and the noise level on the patio. The noise would need to be controlled it is his understanding that the patio area is the same as it was before with the previous owner. There are barricades separating the patio from the sidewalk. Chief Sullivan explained that the restaurant has two speakers outside and will not have entertainment on the patio. The Board decided to include the 931 Ocean as a consent agenda item.

**Mr. Griffin MOTIONED** to approve the entertainment permits for the Ashworth by the Sea and 931 Ocean. **Mr. Moore SECONDED.**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

## VII. - PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. Mary Boynton thanked the Board of Selectmen for listening to Taylor River Estates residents on May 22. She feels that the issue at hand is the failure of the administration. She still does not understand why the emergency center was not open during the flood. In addition she is disappointed in the department heads proposed future emergency planning. Chairman Bridle-Russell explained that the department heads stated that improved communications between departments and the state are necessary.

A representative from the New Hampshire Turnpike Authority will be invited to a Selectmen's meeting and Taylor River Estates residents be notified of the date.

Mr. Boynton asked to see the pictures that Mr. Barrington had of River Estates during the duration of the flooding. According to the pictures presented the water had not gone down significantly on May 15. Mr. Boynton said that it is impossible and that it is difficult to tell from the pictures if the culvert was blocked or not. Mr. Boynton explained that it rained all day Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup> and he tried to get government officials to look at it. At 11am after calling Mr. Barrington, the Fire Department and the Police Department he got no results. At 11am he talked to the environmental emergency center in Concord who told him that they dispatched someone to come and take a look at the dam. He asked for a call back but never received one. He called again at 1pm he was told by Mr. Gallagher that someone had looked at the dam and it was running free and clear. Mr. Boynton said that you cannot tell from the pictures if the culvert was blocked or not. He explained that the water was rising at that time and the Hampton Fire Department came and looked at the culvert and said "you people are doomed" and then they left. He gave up as he knew that he was not going to get anything. At the same time he tried calling Mr. Barrington to ask him where they could get sand bags. According to Mr. Boynton at the time, Mr. Barrington did not know where to get sand or if the transfer station was open. Mr. Boynton also requested a loader from the Public Works department to assist the neighborhood and was told "no". He has now learned that sandbags were available. He went and bought his own sand bags and spent over \$800. During that time the Fire Department came and evacuated the area. Mr. Boynton and his wife as well as the Pine family did not get evacuation notices. He believes that the flooding situation was managed poorly and the emergency center should have been opened. The departments were overwhelmed and the National Guard should have been called in. According to Mr. Boynton the water kept coming up at 11pm that night and when the water went over the highway it stopped. Later that night Mr. Boynton believes that there were State employees working on the culvert and all of a sudden the water began to decrease. At 1am the water dropped a foot and a half. At 1:30am it was high tide. Mr. Boynton said that the next morning the water was at ground level. He believes that the only thing that could have happened is that the culvert was plugged and it was cleaned by State employees or the water pressure cleared it. Mr. Boynton said that he talked to Mr. Hanson and was told that it was the water level in the marsh that was the problem. Mr. Boynton disagrees. Mr. Boynton also questioned the adequacy of the culvert size. On Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup> the Fire Department came out to see what they could do to help and Boy Scouts helped residents in the area cleanup. He would like to see Taylor River Estates receive the same services that other Hampton residents receive even if they are on a private road.

Mr. Lally noted that according to the Fire Department's log and memos they did what they could do with the resources that they had. The state was notified by Hampton personnel however, it was very difficult to reach the appropriate person who deals with the situation because the flooding occurred on a weekend.

Mike Pearson discussed his concerns about how the Fire Chief was treated on May 22. He does not believe there is any one person to blame. Mr. Pearson thinks that all departments did their job but there is a need to get

a current list of critical phone numbers for when emergencies arise. He suggested that these numbers be distributed to management, the Board of Selectmen and employees.

John Nickerson (10 Cogger Street) thanked Public Works for assisting him during the flood as he had a lot of problems with water pooling on his property. He said that there is a need for the drainage issue all around Town to be resolved. He also suggested that perhaps the Town should consider hiring someone to manage the emergency center rather than having the Fire Chief man it.

Vic Lessard suggested that local contractors need to help out in emergencies. Perhaps they could have provided sand bags and volunteered their assistance. He also believes that a larger culvert is need to assist residents in Taylor River Estates. He also said that the Town needs to resolve the problem with services being provided to some private roads but not others. He realizes that the Town cannot appease everyone but the issue needs to be addressed. Mr. Lessard also mentioned that the State and the Town need to work together to improve communications especially as they relate to I95.

Shane Pine believes that the culvert was blocked. He requested that the Board does not accept the State's opinion that blockage was not the problem. Mr. Pine feels that the Fire, Police and Public Works Department did a good job in a professional manner. The problem that he sees is that there should have been a central number for residents to call so that they received the same response. Mr. Pine suggested that Hampton personnel talk to other communities to see what they did during the crisis. He also believes that the emergency center is built to fail when the Fire Chief is best suited in the field. Mr. Pine and his neighbors are very emotional as they lost a lot of their belongings. He is also disappointed that he and his neighbors were not told that there were sand bags available to residents. Mr. Pine hopes that Hampton will be better prepared for the Hurricane season. In conclusion, he thanked Public Works for picking up damaged materials in the Estates and is glad to see that staff does acknowledge a need for adjusting the emergency plan.

Scott Simonds (25 Taylor River Estates) believes that the police and fire departments did the best they could. It did appear to him that the preparation was not there and the Town needs to get better organized. Mr. Simonds believes that there was a blockage problem with the culvert as the water went down significantly in a short time period.

Charlene MacDonald (32 Taylor River Estates) is in agreement with her neighbors and believes that the culvert was blocked as the water was at its highest from 12pm to 2am on Sunday and then the next morning it was gone.

John Rowley mentioned that it is difficult to tell if there was blockage in the culvert but it appears to him that someone cleaned up the debris.

Chief Lipe addressed the Taylor River Estates residents. He said that he was sorry what happened to their street and it is a tragedy. His department was dealing with the frustration of not being able to contact the proper authorities to assist with the situation. Unfortunately the flooding did happen and as the Emergency Management Director it is up to him and other departments to revise the emergency plan. The plan currently focuses on coastal flooding but that will need to be amended. It is his responsibility to make sure that the Town is better prepared for emergencies. This past weekend he personally went to check on the Taylor River culverts to check water flow. Chief Lipe will work hard to make improvements to the plan.

Mr. Boynton said that there appears to be a need for an emergency management center manager. He suggested getting volunteers to run it so that staff can do what they have to do.

**VIII. - CLOSING COMMENTS:**

Mr. Lally thanked Chief Lipe and noted that there appears to be an issue on the State level.

Mr. Griffin is in favor of having a volunteer manage the center.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

**Mr. Workman MOTIONED** to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 PM. **Mr. Moore SECONDED.**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

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Chairman