

# **MINUTES** *approved minutes*

**Board of Selectmen Meeting:** November 18, 2021, 9:00AM HSEM/FEMA Conference call

**Present:** Frank Emig, Jim Jennison, Erin Darrow, Jennifer Bland, Judy Aron

HSEM Jamie Easterbrook introduced HSEM and FEMA parties to the call. It was noted this is a new FEMA team from the Preliminary Damage Team that originally viewed the damage in August.

JE began with a series of questions not provided ahead of the call. Due to the complexity of the questions it was determined it would be more effective to provide the questions for the Town to answer. JE will send.

JE read from a prepared agenda the documentation which will be needed. It was noted that the documentation the Town provided August 13 for the Preliminary Damage Assessment may or may not be part of the State's existing record.

Continuing the prepared agenda JE requested dates for a Recovery Scoping Meeting. December 2 and 3 were suggested. JE will confirm. It was noted it is unlikely there will be any reimbursement within the 2021 fiscal year.

The call ended.

There was discussion about the work in progress.

1. Sam Putnam Road: It was noted St. Pierre/Bascoms are close to completing their contract for Crane Brook and are requesting to work on Sam Putnam. There was consensus work on Sam Putnam could be permitted using the Town's Road Improvement application with the conditions used on the Holden Hill permit that the work is at the contractor's expense until a FEMA project is established.
2. Forest Road Bridge: Erin expressed concern for further erosion if the bridge is not stabilized before the freeze/thaw season begins. It was noted work on the bridge could be funded either by unexpended 2021 budget funds if available or by accessing the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund. There was consensus for Erin to pursue design discussion with Josh Perry and bring her recommendation to the next Selectmen's meeting November 29.

There was discussion about yesterday's letter from Jennifer Harper who was responding to the Town's letter to the Governor requesting emergency funds of \$500,000 under RSA 9:13-d Civil Emergency. It was noted the letter denied the request, did not ask for a response and included several misstatements. There was consensus to respond with a reply addressed again to the Governor correcting the misstatements. JB will draft.

**Meeting adjourned:** 11:00AM; Respectfully submitted, Kathi Bradt