

The information contained in this report is intended to inform the Select Board, staff, and residents, some of the current activities taking place within the manager's office or the Town in general. All topics are open for discussion.

Tropical Storm: By 5:00 a.m. Monday the entire town was without power and many roadways blocked. Communications went down in the first three hours as did Gray and New Gloucester which brought forth some creative communicating for First Responders. A warming center was opened on Monday at the Fire Rescue Station for those needing to warm up, get water, use the bathroom, take a shower, and get a hot meal. Roughly 100-150 individuals used the shelter while it was open, and there was a steady line of cars filling up bottles of water to take home. Fire Rescue responded to 37 documented calls (18 in the first 12 hours) however, due to the lost dispatch many additional calls were not logged, and responders were leaving one call and heading to the next. Wellness checks were conducted on our elderly residents as well as working farms to ensure there was water for their animals. A total of 369 First Responder hours were logged on this storm.

The Public Works Department spent time removing manageable debris and closing roads. So far only two reports of damage to Town property which would be the flagpole at the Fire Rescue Station and the windshield (smashed) on the Fire Rescue pump truck. The basement of the Town Office did flood but thanks to Chief Payson and the Naples Fire Department we were able to borrow a generator that could support the office and a second flood did not occur, and we were able to open the office for a full day on Wednesday.

The professionalism and dedication of North Yarmouth's employees are genuinely remarkable. I want to especially thank Department Heads Debbie Grover, Clark Baston, and Grey Payson for yet another job well done.

As Governor Lepage has filed a state of emergency, there is a good chance that federal and state emergency management funds may be received from this storm. We will also be setting up hours at PWD for residents to drop off debris from the storm.

Wescustogo Hall & NY Community Center: I met with representatives from Barrett Made, the Wescustogo Building & Design Committee, and individuals Charlie Farrell (post & beam builder) and David Price (post & beam engineer) to discuss the pros and cons of designing Wescustogo Hall entirely in a post & beam structure. I believe the meeting was successful in that much information on this topic was shared and committee members who attended agreed to go back to the whole committee to discuss this option. The committee is now currently working on the "look" of the building and hope to begin directly working with the architects sometime in December or possible after the first of the year.

Summit: New date - Thursday, November 30th @ 5:30 (NYMS).

Parks & Recreation Committee: Clark Baston and I attended the committee's October meeting and will be working with the committee on new park signs, area-specific park improvements, and other pertinent issues related to our park trails.

NYMS Sign: The outside sign in front of the school has been moved. The sign can now be used/read coming from both directions of the road.

Charter/Spectrum: Charter has signed and returned the franchise agreement, and we should receive the grant funds by sometime in December.

Shirts & Name Badges: Selectperson Graham asked me to look into the costs of shirts and or name badges for the Select Board to utilize during special town events. The cost of the name tags can be covered the budget; shirts would have to be an individual purchase. Detailed information follows this report.

Respectfully,

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