

Town of Winchester  
Board of Selectmen – Special Meeting

August 13, 2020

**Minutes**

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 AM by Mayor A. Candy Perez  
In-Person Attendance: Linda Groppo, Candace Bouchard, Steven Sedlack  
Attendance via Zoom: Melissa Bird, Todd Arcelaschi, Jack Bourque  
Also, Robert Geiger, Town Manager; Steve Williams, Fire Marshall; Jamie Legasse, WFD; and via Zoom: Peter and Brett Marchand, Winchester Fire Department.

**II. Discussion and Review of Emergency Response to Tropical Storm Isaias**

The purpose of the meeting was to review our response with a special focus on how information was disseminated to the residents. Staff members noted steps taken by the Emergency response team including Public Works, Police and Fire. The employees were highly commended by the Selectmen for their dedication, skill and fast response.

Selectmen requested data be compiled and share including:

- Amount of land-line vs. internet-based phone users in the town
- Number of residents on wells vs. those on the municipal water system
- The map of the electric grids in the town
- The number of citizens who made use of the cooling center, water distribution and other services provided in the wake of the storm.

Based upon all of the scenarios discussed during the meeting, the Selectmen also request a Communication Plan with Residents be prepared for review. In addition, that the town's Emergency Plan, updated in 2014, be made available to the Selectmen.

**III. Adjournment**

A motion by Sel. Sedlack, seconded by Sel. Groppo, to adjourn the meeting, was unanimously approved at 10:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Sedlack

Recorder