

JOHNSON SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES  
JOHNSON MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2018

**Present:**

Selectboard Members: Mike Dunham, Nat Kinney, Doug Molde, Kyle Nuse (by phone), Eric Osgood

Others: Brian Story, Meredith Birkett, Arjay West, Roger Marcoux, Anne Mullins, Tom Elwood

**Note: All votes taken are unanimous unless otherwise noted.**

Eric called the meeting to order at 9:35 am.

Arjay described the current flooding situation. He said AOT has closed Route 15 on both sides of the village. The fire department was getting a lot of life safety requests. Those have slowed down. Firefighters will prioritize residences whose owners they have already had contact with and identify fuel and electrical hazards. There has been some recession of the water.

Eric said he heard there was an ice jam around Hunter Road. Arjay said he also had heard about an ice jam in that area, near Scribner Bridge, but he hasn't been up there.

Eric said the situation at Sterling Market is not good. Arjay said he was in the store talking to the manager when the fire tone went out. No water was in the store then. By the time firefighters got back water was already in the store. It happened so fast there was not even a chance to put up flood gates.

Eric said he wanted to call the board together to declare a local state of emergency, which frees up the emergency management line item in the budget.

Nat and Kyle joined the meeting by phone.

Gordy and Arjay discussed what needs to be done before power is turned back on for any buildings that have their power turned off.

Eric said Fairpoint contacted Bobbie Rooney asking about their building by the library. Kyle said that building and the library have quite a bit of water up to them.

**Doug moved to declare a state of emergency, seconded by Mike.**

Eric took a call about the emergency shelter at the college. There was discussion about transporting people to the shelter.

Arjay said some people are sheltering in place on Lendway Lane and Library Drive. They are comfortable and secure and do not appear to be at high risk.

Nat arrived in person.

**The motion was passed.**

Gordy asked about the plan of action for the wastewater plant when the water recedes. Meredith said we will go there and assess the situation and determine whether the fire department or village crew are needed.

Tom said the sewer is backing up and the dry well is flooding. That doesn't mean the pumps are not pumping. He doesn't know if we are discharging waste.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:49.

*Minutes submitted by Donna Griffiths*