

**AGENDA  
WILLIAMSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2011  
7:00 P.M.**

- 1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENT:**
- 2. SELECTMEN'S MINUTES:** September 26, 2011
- 3. ITEMS FOR SELECTMEN'S CONSIDERATION:**
  - A.** Water and Sewer Warrant (\$296,532.06)
  - B.** Morgan Management Request for Abatement of Spruces Water/Sewer Bill
- 4. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:**
- 5. PETITIONER'S REQUEST:**
- 6. OTHER BUSINESS:**
- 7. ADJOURN:** Next Selectmen's meeting is Monday, October 24, 2011 – 7 p.m.

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**Present:** Thomas E. Sheldon, Chairman, David A. Rempell, Tom Costley, Ronald Turbin, Jane B. Allen

**Others Present:** Peter Fohlin, Kathy Poirot

**1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENT:**

Chairman Sheldon gave recognition to the "Post-Irene Doers of Good Deeds" as follows:

- \* Two dozen volunteers, who underwent training, giving up their holiday yesterday, to help Spruces residents with information and decision-making about their options
- \* Higher Ground/Affordable Housing folks who are looking aggressively at the intermediate and long-term issue of housing in Williamstown
- \*WilliNet which produced an excellent special on the aftermath of Irene
- \* Community Chest/Chamber of Commerce/Fund for Williamstown/Northern Berkshire Interfaith Clergy/Images Cinema for creating and implementing the Community Fund for the Spruces which has distributed more than \$40 thousand in aid and will continue to do so in the weeks ahead
- \*Williamstown Savings Bank for its help with the Community Fund and for sponsoring a successful fund-raising spaghetti dinner last week
- \*The Town Hall team for its energy and creativity in responding to this unprecedented challenge including working with FEMA, various state agencies and inspectors, governor and Attorney General
- \*The staff at the 1<sup>st</sup> Congregational Church who have been at the center of the relief effort
- \*The Town's residents and business people who have donated funds, goods and services in countless ways, including efforts by our students at fundraising
- \*Finally, the residents of the Spruces themselves who have met this tragedy with admirable grace and resourcefulness.

**2. SELECTMEN'S MINUTES:** September 26, 2011 – Mr. Rempell moved to approve the September 26, 2011 minutes. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**3. ITEMS FOR SELECTMEN'S CONSIDERATION:**

**A.** Water and Sewer Warrant (\$296,532.06) – Ms. Allen moved to approve the water and sewer warrant in the amount of \$296,532.06. Mr. Costley seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**B.** Morgan Management Request for Abatement of Spruces Water/Sewer Bill - Mr. Fohlin explained that the quarterly water/sewer bill (July, August, September) for the Spruces is \$22,421.90. Irene hit on August 28 leaving the park in disarray for the month of September. Morgan Management has not charged the park residents for rent during the month of September and is asking for an abatement of the September water/sewer

bill in the amount of \$7473.97 (one third of the quarter billed) Mr. Rempell said he was in support of the one-time request especially since Morgan Management did not charge rent for the month of September. Mr. Costley agreed. Mr. Turbin moved that the quarterly water/sewer bill be reduced by one-third representing the one month (September) by \$7473.97. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Fohlin said by the Town's standard practices, meters are read at the Spruces on a quarterly basis and asked if the Board would vote to approve monthly meter readings for that property. Mr. Costley moved that the Town read meters at the Spruces on a monthly basis. Mr. Rempell seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Allen asked Mr. Fohlin about the Town's concerns about the park with respect to the approach of the cold weather. Mr. Fohlin said it is a state law that a home cannot be occupied after October 15 without heat and those that are waiting to be inhabited can't be unless they pass a moisture test done by the Health Inspector. We hope that 50 homes can be occupied by the time we have to stop testing due to the weather.

4. **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:** See attached and on the [www.williamstown.net](http://www.williamstown.net)
5. **PETITIONER'S REQUEST:** None
6. **OTHER BUSINESS:** Mr. Turbin asked the Board members to contact him if they plan to attend the November 3<sup>rd</sup> Berkshire Selectmen Association Dinner Meeting. He plans to go.

Mr. Rempell asked Mr. Fohlin if Ms. Mason has given any notice of the disposition of her dogs yet. Mr. Fohlin said a letter went to her giving her 30 days to comply and that time is not up yet.

7. **ADJOURN:** Mr. Costley moved to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried unanimously. The next Selectmen's meeting is on Monday, October 24, 2011 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Costley, Secretary