

ROXBURY SELECTBOARD EMERGENCY MEETING
MINUTES OF JULY 21, 2023
4:30PM – 5:10PM
TOWN OFFICE

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice-Chair Rene Bouchard and Road Commissioner Dave McShane
STAFF PRESENT: None
PUBLIC PRESENT: Lenny Davis, Roxbury Emergency Management Director
Lorenzo Leon, FEMA Division J Supervisor

1. Call meeting to order: 4:30pm

2. Discussion Points

Lorenzo introduced himself as Roxbury's FEMA Liaison. His role is to assist us in marshalling any federal assistance the Town requires under FEMA Private Assistance (PA).

He mentioned googling PAPAG FEMA to get to site with information we can use. That returns several options:

FEMA Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide (version 4, effective 01-Jun-2020)
https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema_papppg-v4-updated-links_policy_6-1-2020.pdf

FEMA Public Assistance Fact Sheet:
<https://www.fema.gov/fact-sheet/fema-public-assistance>

FEMA Simplified Procedures Policy:
https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema_pa-simplified-procedures-policy.pdf

FEMA Individual Assistance (IA) is for people with private losses due to the disaster. There are four ways* to access IA.

- go to the FEMA website: <https://www.disasterassistance.gov/>
- call the FEMA Disaster line: 1-800-621-3362
- visit a FEMA Disaster Center: Centers have been set up in Waterbury & Barre
- speak to a FEMA Assistant: FEMA Disaster Service Assistants going door-to-door in neighborhoods

(note: Lorenzo maintains that the FEMA contact information above is the only way to get assistance. He maintains that calling and reporting to 211 is wrong (dis-information). Seeing the news last night continue to refer to 211 and the fact that VT government via the Emergency Operations Center daily briefings tell us to report damage to 211, I believe they are both correct. Lorenzo may be right that the IA contact information above is how you report to FEMA, but he may also not be aware that the State of VT has added an additional layer of assistance via 211. Attending the daily briefings we are told to contact 211 to report damage and that is how FEMA*

will be notified of issues in an area. Perhaps the right thing to have someone do, is to both call 211 and to also call or contact FEMA.)

Lorenzo reported that he has seen notes from the National Guard discussion with Jon Guiffre and that he has spoken to Jon too.

Dave requested Lorenzo's assistance in getting someone from FEMA PA to come and assess the damage he has reported. Roxbury's PA damage is believed to be two bridges and 7 roadways.

Dave and Lenny are unaware of any substantial residential damage.

Damage to the Windridge Camp parking lot was discussed and Lorenzo encouraged that they contact FEMA to be perhaps advised to work with the Small Business Association who is also involved in the Flood Disaster recovery efforts. Funding and/or low-interest loans may be available to help mitigate damage from future events.

A short discussion was held on MRE's and water for the Town.

Chris Beaulac was mentioned as another FEMA representative we may hear from and/or meet. We were told that Chris works with Lorenzo.

Lorenzo will be our liaison for at least 30 days.

The FEMA code for the Vermont Flooding Disaster is: DR4720-VT
Should another event occur now, a new FEMA code will be created.

3. Adjourn

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Rene Bouchard, Selectman
Approved on August 7, 2023