

**Hull Board of Selectmen
Final Minutes
October 27, 2021**

An Emergency Meeting of the Hull Board of Selectmen was held at 7 p.m. on October 27, 2021 via the GoToMeeting platform as an alternate means of public access pursuant to an Order issued by the Governor of Massachusetts dated March 12, 2020 Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law.

Present: Jennifer Constable, Chair; Greg Grey, Vice-Chair; Donna Pursel, Clerk; Domenico Sestito, Member; John Reilly, Member. Also present was Town Counsel and Acting Town Manager James Lampke.

Constable called the meeting to order. Lampke explained that due to the impacts of the current storm and an expected storm on Friday, it was necessary to call an emergency meeting of the Board. He gave a brief overview of the impacts of the storm and the work being done by Town Departments. He noted that Town Manager, Philip Lemnios, has a protocol in place for such situations and that it was being effectively followed. Constable agreed and on behalf of the Board of Selectmen thanked Town employees for their great efforts to respond to the storm and its impacts.

Lampke said that due to the situation created by the storm the Board should adopt a Declaration of Emergency as this would put the Town in a better position regarding reimbursements and would put Town authorities in a position to take necessary actions.

Constable read the following Declaration of Emergency provided by Lampke.

WHEREAS, an incident of sudden, generally unexpected occurrence of circumstances demanding public action has arisen or is about to arise within the Town of Hull due **to a Nor'easter and additional expected storms with heavy rain, coastal and other flooding, infrastructure impacts, unusually and dangerously high winds, and other impacts;** and

WHEREAS, The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Hull, Massachusetts, upon advice from the Town Manager, Director of Emergency Management and other advisors, or their designees, have determined that the incident poses a present, reasonable and imminent danger to public health, safety, or general welfare of the people of Hull or their property so that it has become necessary for the Town Manager, Director of Emergency Management and others to utilize and coordinate the services, equipment, supplies, and facilities of existing departments, offices, and agencies of the community, both locally, regionally, statewide and nationally, if necessary, including the taking of ordinary and extraordinary actions for the purposes of emergency management and emergency functions to protect the public; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has issued and continues to issue emergency storm advisories recommending that the public and communities take action to prepare for and deal with the impending and present storms; and

WHEREAS, a Declaration of Emergency and immediate action is needed to prevent, minimize, or mitigate damage to public health, safety, or general welfare of the people of the Commonwealth and/or property which may otherwise result from the above-described incident; and

WHEREAS, the people of the community of Hull should be able to depend upon guidance from their Chief Municipal Officials;

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Hull, Massachusetts, hereby declares that as of **October 26, 2021** a State of Emergency is declared to exist by the Board of Selectmen in Hull and authorizes, under the direction of the Town Manager and Director of Emergency Management and their designees, all Town personnel and agents to take action appropriate to respond to this incident. This Declaration of Emergency shall remain in effect until notice is given, pursuant to the Board of Selectmen's judgment, that the State of Emergency no longer exists.

By a unanimous roll call vote the Board voted to adopt the Declaration of Emergency.

Motion	Sestito	To adopt the Declaration of Emergency as presented at this meeting.
Second	Grey	
Vote	Unanimous	Sestito – Aye Grey – Aye Pursel – Aye Reilly – Aye Constable – Aye

On a motion the Sestito, seconded by Grey, the Board voted unanimously by roll call to adjourn.

Recorded by Kathleen Fanning

Approved by:
