

**TOWN OF KINGSTON**

**Memorandum**

**Office of the  
Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator**

**TO:** Honorable Board of Selectmen  
**FROM:** Nancy Howlett, Assistant to Town Administrator/Board of Selectmen  
**DATE:** September 8, 2011  
**SUBJECT:** Staff Report for the BOS Meeting of September 13, 2011

**HURRICANE DAMAGE/POWER OUTAGE FOLLOW-UP**

On Wednesday, following the Board's last meeting, I sent the following email to NStar's Customer Service representative;

" Last night at a Selectmen's meeting, resident John Creed of 4 Bayberry Lane spoke at Open Forum about the outage in Town and Country Manufactured home park. It is a park with senior residents, some of which have health issues and are on oxygen. He stated that he felt NStar was not sensitive to the needs of the residents. The Board assured Mr. Creed that they would intercede on the part of the residents that are still without power.

This morning I received numerous calls from residents in the same situation. Sue Foley of Clifton Drive said she has downed wires in her front yard and she has small children in the home. She added that the children are starting school tomorrow and without hot water, basic needs cannot even be met in readying them for the first day. Residents from Indian Pond Road and Grove Street areas also called asking for the Town's assistance in getting their power back on.

I am requesting, on behalf of the Board of Selectmen, some definitive answers of when all the power will be restored to the Town of Kingston's homes and business."

Shortly, thereafter I received several emails from various people at NStar. Betty DeBenedictis from Rep. Calter's office and I communicated several times that day and she was also talking with NStar Reps. I wish to acknowledge Betty DeBenedictis and Rep. Calter for their efforts in getting power restored to the Town of Kingston.

**THANK YOU FOR ASSISTANCE DURING POWER OUTAGE**

Doris Linehan sent a letter to Elder Services Director Linda Felix expressing gratitude to those that took care of her at the Emergency Shelter and later at the Senior Center. The Shelter located at the Middle School was closed following the storm to prepare the building for the start of school. Ms. Linehan still did not have power at her home and was relocated to the Senior Center. She named specifically Dotty Neal and Police Sergeant Sue Munford.

### **KINGSTON INDEPENDENCE WIND TURBINE**

On Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> we received exciting news that the Kingston Independence Wind Turbine was on the truck and being readied for delivery to Kingston from Hyundai, the manufacturer. The notice was delivered by email with a picture of the Turbine on a truck, in Korea, flanked by about fifty plant workers. Delivery is scheduled for November 30<sup>th</sup> but may be moved up. A pre-construction meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m., tentatively on September 20<sup>th</sup> with Department Heads. A ground breaking/ribbon cutting ceremony will be held at 11:00 a.m. at the site, prior to the pre-construction meeting. Once the date is confirmed, I will email members of the Board.

### **CHARGING STATION – DOER GRANT**

The Independence Mall was selected as a site for one of the charging stations under the DOER Grant previously reported to the Board. Estimates range between \$11,750 and \$24,000 for the installation of the station as the Mall. Town Planner Tom Bott is trying to secure participation by NStar to help fund the installation and asked if the Town had any funds that may also be used to offset the installation costs. As you know, budgets for FY12 are tight and at this time of the year, I know of no budget funding that could be utilized. The Town must commit by September 27<sup>th</sup> as to whether we will be accepting the Grant.

### **MATHIAS EARTH REMOVAL HEARING**

Jeffrey Mathias notified me by email that he was withdrawing his application for an earth removal permit without prejudice. Town Counsel advised that since the Board continued the last hearing until September 13<sup>th</sup>, the Board should open the hearing, vote to accept the withdrawal and close the hearing.

### **ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT IN SCHOOLS**

In response to information provided by MIIA, the Town's insurer, regarding compliance with the Asbestos-Containing Materials in Schools regulation, it will be necessary for the Board to designate an individual to ensure that the regulation is properly implemented. I contacted MIIA and was told the appropriate person would be the Building Inspector. I conferred with Superintendent Tuffy and we will work together to gather records of conditions or remedies on asbestos in KES and KIS in order to formulate the Town's Asbestos Management Plan.

Also, MIIA was seeking a host community to hold a training class to help communities with compliance of this regulation and I offered to host the class here in October. I am awaiting confirmation of a date. I respectfully request that you designate Paul Armstrong to ensure compliance with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA).