

**SUBJECT TO APPROVAL**  
**MEETING DATE: SATURDAY AUGUST 21, 2021**  
**8:00 A.M.**  
**MEETING PLACE: ZOOM ONLINE MEETING**  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN EMERGENCY MEETING MINUTES**

First Selectwoman Lyons called the Emergency Session of Saturday, August 21, 2021 to order at 5:01 p.m. Also in attendance were Selectwoman Duques, Selectman Goldberg, Selectman Murphy and Selectman Wilson.

1. Discuss and take action to Declare a State of Emergency Resolution as follows:

**RESOLUTION**

The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Madison, in anticipation of the impending arrival of Tropical Storm Henri, hereby declares a Local Civil Preparedness Emergency, commencing at 12:00 a.m. on August 22, 2021 and lasting for as long thereafter as the Town is in a state of duress from damage resulting from the storm, but not longer than one week without further action by the Board. The First Selectwoman is authorized to take such action as she deems necessary in accordance with CGS Section 28-8a.

Emergency Management Director Sam DeBurra provided an update and screen share of the storm track. The track has weakened slightly to 80 mph winds from 85-90mph winds. This is still very significant. There will be power outages and high tide is a concern. Winds are anticipated to be begin around 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Sunday morning. The Board reviewed what it would mean for evacuation and the Board and Dir. DeBurra reviewed that they could start evacuation today. The Town will also open up the Town Shelter. The group also reviewed that it was unknown if other towns would be issuing evacuation orders; Dir. DeBurra stated that he felt that the State might issue this order at the afternoon update today. The Board questioned the differences between mandatory and recommended evacuation; Dir. DeBurra stated that regardless once winds are 50 mph the Emergency Services cannot respond. The Board reviewed that there was a mandatory evacuation during Sandy; and that about a dozen residents used the shelter during Sandy.

The Emergency Operations Team will be meeting at 9:00 a.m. and determine next steps for evacuation. Chief Drumm stated that Officers can also provide services to notify residents to evacuate. Also Officers are stationed at patrol points to keep people from going back into the affected areas. The Board reviewed that although some homes may be raised, the roadways are susceptible to flooding.

The Board also reviewed that Eversource has confirmed that they are sending in a greater number of resources and have been pulling resources from other parts of the region. The Town has requested that someone will physically be here from Eversource. Also the physical EOC will be opening at Town Campus. The Board reviewed that the Town would be updating the website, etc. and that the Everbridge notification was sent to landlines in addition to cell phones and email. The Board urged residents to be prepared with food, gas, medication, and other necessities.

The Board also reviewed that their meeting scheduled for Monday evening may need to be cancelled. The Board confirmed that they will postpone their meeting of August 23, 2021 until August 30, 2021. If there is a need for an Emergency Meeting next week it will most likely occur in person. Also, there is still a concern with email back-up and Town email may be impacted if power is lost.

MOVED by Selectman Wilson and seconded by Selectman Murphy to APPROVE the above resolution.  
VOTE: the motion was approved unanimously.

2. Adjournment.

There being no objection the Board adjourned at 8:35 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted

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