

**TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETINGS - WEDNESDAY EVENING
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A Special Emergency Meeting of the Bristol Town Council to discuss the recent flooding crisis was called by Council Chairman Marshall for March 31, 2010, to be held beginning at 6:00 o'clock PM in the Town Hall Council Chambers. Since this meeting was called with short notice, Council members could not be in attendance and the Clerk called for adjournment due to the lack of a quorum. The topic, however, was added to the published agenda for the meeting following and is reflected in the minutes of that meeting as found below.

PRESENT: Marshall, Cordeiro, Parella, and Barboza

ALSO PRESENT: Diane C. Mederos, Town Administrator
Michael A. Ursillo, Esq. Town Solicitor
(re flooding crisis)
Andrew M. Teitz, Esq. Assistant Town Solicitor
(re Zoning Code amendments and ELJ matter)

ABSENT: Herreshoff

The Council met in special session on Wednesday evening, March 31, 2010 in the Town Hall, Council Chambers, beginning at 7:10 o'clock PM, Council Chairman Marshall presiding:

Prior to commencement of this evening's agenda, Council Chairman Marshall noted that the Council would like to discuss matters relative to the flooding crisis and further explained that the Council will likely add this item after the conclusion of those matters in the published agenda.

Council Chairman Marshall also, with the Council in agreement, noted that the Council would suspend the published order of business and consider Agenda Item 2 prior to Agenda Item 1.

2. Public Hearing re application for a zoning map change of Christopher Francis for ELJ, Inc., 701 Metacom Avenue, from GB (General Business) to M (Manufacturing) with conditions for property located at 95 Tupelo Street (Assessor's Plat 92A, Lots 35 and 59), 2nd reading continued form March 3, 2010.

Barboza/Parella - Voted unanimously to close the public hearing.

Parella/Barboza - Voted unanimously to amend the Zoning Map for the property as specified from GB to M, subject to those conditions stipulated on February

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9, 2010, finding that these changes are consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and to also adopt all findings of fact and conditions as presented including the last exhibit and with the further condition that all conditions will be completed within six (6) months.

Prior to the votes taken, Council Chairman Marshall opened the Public Hearing.

Assistant Solicitor Teitz reported that the matter before the Council was the culmination of a long court case and is the end result of course toward settlement. He added that the case was mediated through the efforts of Prof. Bruce Kogan and the Roger Williams University Mediation Clinic.

Assistant Solicitor Teitz introduces James Hall, Attorney for ELJ.

Assistant Solicitor Teitz noted that the recommendation includes changing the zoning for the property known as the Clubhouse on which manufacturing will become a permitted use and further Planning Board recommendations concerning this matter include that there should be conditions applied to this zone change including limited hours and days of operation and also the types of material that may be processed and stored on the site.

Assistant Solicitor Teitz also noted that the Planning Board recommendation will become part of the record. He further noted that with the Council's approval of this zoning change, ELJ's rock-crushing business will be able to continue but with specific restrictions. He explained that this proposal brings a "win-win" to the various parties.

Assistant Solicitor Teitz reported that the property owned by ELJ across the street from the subject property will not become part of the rock-crushing operation and that a buffer of landscaping will be placed between the subject property and those residential properties to the south of same.

Assistant Solicitor Teitz reported that there are additional considerations; these including improvements on the site including parking spaces and that this will be completed within six (6) months of this amendment.

Assistant Solicitor Teitz suggested that the Council should impose the conditions as approved by the Planning Board.

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Attorney Hall provided a revised landscape plan for lots 43 and 44 and noted that this plan was not included in the Council's packet for this meeting. He agreed to provide copies of same.

Council Chairman Marshall asked to know if the agreement was compliant with the Comprehensive Plan with Director of Community Development Williamson responding affirmatively. Director of Community Development Williamson also reported that she and Planner Tanner reviewed the plan and that she recommends approval of same.

Council Chairman Marshall asked to hear from those in favor or in opposition of the proposal.

There was no remonstrance presented to the Council regarding either position.

1. Public Hearing re Ordinance #2010-03, Chapter 28, Zoning, Articles I through IX, Divisions 1 through 6, Sections 28-1 through 28-411, (various amendments to the Zoning Ordinance) 2nd reading for adoption.

Barboza/Parella - Voted unanimously to close the public hearing with the exception of that portion of said public hearing concerning Sections 28-150(j) and also 28-153 and to continue same until April 14, 2010.

Barboza/Cordeiro - Voted unanimously to consider this action to constitute the second reading for adoption of Ordinance #2010-03 with changes and amendments as noted below and with the exception of Sections 28-150 (j) and 28-153 as noted above.

Prior to the votes taken, Council Chairman Marshall opened the Public Hearing.

Director of Community Development Williamson noted that the proposal includes many changes to the Zoning Code and that some of these are "housekeeping" in nature and others are more substantial. Director of Community Development Williamson explained that the more substantial portions of the document relate to Affordable Housing and the Metacom Avenue corridor and

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that the Community Development department worked along with the Zoning Code Advisory Committee which vetted many of the proposed changes.

Director of Community Development Williamson noted that the Planning Board also amended its subdivision regulation and that the remaining piece of these collective changes is the set of Zoning Code amendments proposed.

Council Chairman Marshall agreed that some of these proposed changes were easier to understand and approve than others and he suggested that the proposal might be discussed in segments - taking the more straightforward changes under consideration first.

Director of Community Development Williamson agreed that some of the proposed changes will take a more detailed amount of explanation.

Councilman Cordeiro noted that since some of the proposals were "housekeeping" in nature that the Council may wish to consider these first.

Director of Community Development Williamson noted the "white paper" summary prepared for the Council's consideration and suggested that this summary might be considered first.

Planner Tanner explained that he and Director of Community Development Williamson will be pleased to discuss any of the proposed changes in detail if the Council so wished.

A discussion ensued regarding wind energy issues with Planner Tanner noting that the Committee was of the opinion that at present there are no regulations and that having some regulations (which may be amended in the future) is better than having none whatsoever.

Councilman Cordeiro agreed that the Town should have some basic regulations governing wind energy.

Planner Tanner informed the Council that the next Zoning Board of Review agenda has an application for a wind turbine and that the Board will only consider a height variance for same.

A further discussion ensued regarding a wind turbine on Wapping Road with Councilwoman Parella noting that regulations might be relaxed for those turbines that are relatively small.

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Director of Community Development Williamson noted that there were several smaller scale wind turbines in Westport along the water.

Planner Tanner reported that the dimensional standards appearing in the revised Zoning Code concerning wind turbines considered a certain amount of acreage and also the overall height of the device in order to create a safety zone. He further noted that the safety zone is established in order to assure that should the tower fall over it will not fall directly on to any buildings.

Councilwoman Parella asked to know why the ordinance specifies a five (5) acre lot size for these turbines with Planner Tanner responding that all of the installations that seemed to be sensible appeared to be for those larger parcels.

Councilwoman Parella stated that the Code might provide for smaller units mounted on rooftops with Planner Tanner noting that the section could be revisited to consider smaller units and rooftop installations.

Council Chairman Marshall asked to know if the provisions of the Code which consider cell towers also contained a fall safety zone with Planner Tanner responding that the Code contains an entire section relating to antennae and that these must be reviewed by the TRC and also receive a zoning variance and that this review can consider the safety aspects of the installation.

Planner Tanner added that the Code does not, however, specify a "fall zone" for cell tower antennae. He further noted that the safety zone is provided as a recommendation and that the Council may adjust the dimensions if it finds this to be prudent.

Councilwoman Parella suggested that there might be an investigation of the home market and provide some adjustments to the regulations so as to create a "not to exceed" rule. She added that the recommendation regarding five (5) acre minimum lot size might be too restrictive.

Director of Community Development Williamson reported that the technology regarding this matter was moving very quickly and that those issues that were considered as "cutting edge" a short time ago were now obsolete.

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Councilman Cordeiro agreed that the technology might be outpacing the zoning revision process and that perhaps the Council may chose to adopt the ordinance and "tweak it" in consideration of changes to the market and technology.

Assistant Solicitor Teitz reported that the Zoning Code Committee was concerned for the application in residential areas since the standards for the towers are those of commercial sizes. He suggested that there might be more than one set of standards for different types of turbines.

Council Chairman Marshall noted that these might be too varied to specify with Assistant Solicitor Teitz suggesting that a requirement to seek relief from the Zoning Board of Review many resolve the issue.

Director of Community Development Williamson agreed with Assistant Solicitor Teitz and noted that the Zoning Board of Review should be given the authority to grant variances from the dimensions specified in the ordinance.

Planner Tanner agreed that it would be advisable to provide some standards with the opportunity to allow the Zoning Board to grant variances from these. He reminded the Council that there are currently no regulations currently in place.

Councilwoman Parella asked to know if the ordinance makes clear that the dimensions are those for commercial applications with Planner Tanner agreeing to provide new language to provide standards for residential applications.

Assistant Solicitor Teitz reported that the Zoning Committee did not have a consensus on this particular matter with Director of Community Development Williamson noting that if the use requires a special use permit from the Zoning Board, the neighbors have an opportunity to "weigh-in" on the matter.

Councilman Cordeiro again suggested that the Council may wish to adopt this particular section and "tweak" it as needed.

Assistant Solicitor Teitz explained that the Council may wish to continue the Public Hearing relative to this particular section and continue the matter without the need to re-advertise.

Councilwoman Parella asked to know if solar and wind power devices were under the control of the Historic District Commission with Assistant Solicitor Teitz responding that these

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would be subject to approval of the Historic District Commission.

Council Chairman Marshall stated that these devices, due to their nature, might be given special consideration with Assistant Solicitor Teitz responding that the Council can amend the ordinance to exempt renewable energy devices. He added that the Council should exercise caution in this regard since something such as a wood boiler (considered to be a renewable energy device) could be exempted also and perhaps the Council may not wish to specifically do this.

Councilwoman Parella noted that the paint issue might also be explored with Assistant Solicitor Teitz responding that Rick Greenwood of the State Historic Preservation and Heritage Commission is investigating "Rhino Shield." He added that the concern for this type of product is that it may not be reversible and may create permanent damage to historic buildings.

Assistant Solicitor Teitz added that window replacements appear to be of great concern to residents and also the Historic District Commission and the Commission plans a workshop so that the public and Commission might be able to learn about alternatives. He added that this workshop will include a list of resources to help with rebuilding original materials and also a list of approved replacement alternatives.

Councilwoman Parella stated that she is of the opinion that the matter of energy efficiency should be factored into the findings of the Historic District Commission.

At this portion in the agenda, Assistant Solicitor Teitz reviewed the "travel" of this ordinance recommendation to date including the Zoning Code Committee, etc.

Council Chairman Marshall asked that those wishing to present a remonstrance might do so as the individual sections of the ordinance proposal is discussed. Council Chairman Marshall further noted that he would take the various ordinance sections in order.

Section 28-1 Definitions

Barboza/Parella - Voted unanimously to accept this section as prepared and presented.

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There was no remonstrance presented in favor or in opposition to approval of this section.

Section 28-2 Purpose

Barboza/Cordeiro - Voted unanimously to accept this section as prepared and presented.

There was no remonstrance presented in favor or in opposition to approval of this section.

Section 28-3 Zoning Districts

Barboza/Parella - Voted unanimously to accept this section (Section 28-283) adding the word "only" in Section C2 on Page 113 of the text as ...in only R8... and otherwise as prepared and presented.

and also;

Barboza/Cordeiro - to accept Section 28-3 incorporating the verbiage as prepared by Assistant Solicitor Teitz and noted below.

Prior to the vote taken, Stephen DeLeo, representing Raymond and Anna DeLeo of 2 High Street referenced Section 28-283 and noted his objection to Section 28-3 as it relates to Section 28-283.

Assistant Solicitor Teitz noted that this section considers the "Randall Plan" for development and that the change is not significantly different from the Village LDP except that it keeps allowances for "milk stores and offices" and provides for a more "walk able" community.

Assistant Solicitor Teitz added that the revision incorporates "what people like" about a downtown area.

Mr. DeLeo stated that he was of the opinion that the approach was desirable except that it appeared that the use would be permitted in Mount Hope Farm.

Director of Community Development Williamson responded that this

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particular use is not permitted in a HPC Zone and that Mount Hope Farm was zoned as HPC.

Mr. DeLeo noted that page 115 appears to provide Planning Board discretion for a number of commercial uses and that this appears to be a significant change from the previous Zoning Code.

Assistant Solicitor Teitz responded that these changes consider service uses for a "walk able community" allowing no more than 1000 square feet of commercial area. He added that access is limited to interior streets and also that this would not be allowable within an HPC Zone.

Assistant Solicitor Teitz noted that this provision should cross reference section "C."

Planner Tanner noted that the use table notes that the use is excluded from the OS and HPC Zones.

Councilman Barboza asked to know if the "N" in the use table covered the question as raised by Mr. DeLeo with Assistant Solicitor Teitz stating that he was of the opinion that the "N" was sufficient but also that he did not object to the addition of certain language in order to make the ordinance more specific.

Councilwoman Parella suggested that language might be added to include a provision that the use is not permitted in the HPC Zone with Assistant Solicitor Teitz responding that the language is already present in the ordinance proposal.

Councilman Barboza reminded those present that the restriction is noted in the use table and also that this restriction appears to be clear already.

Assistant Solicitor Teitz suggested that the word "only" might be added to Section C2 on page 113 of the text with Mr. DeLeo noting that this addition would satisfy his concerns.

Emily Spinard of 35 Dartmouth Street indicated that she had questions regarding certain parts of this section appearing on Pages 21 and 22 concerning minimum lot size and frontage.

She noted that she was concerned that the proposal considers the R-15 zone and to change the allowance of duplex dwellings by right and that a lot of 30,000 square feet should allow two-family dwellings by right.

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Planner Tanner noted that the Planning Department has proposed certain edits based upon the suggestions as noted by Ms. Spinard with Director of Community Development Williamson noting that she does not object to the idea of adding verbiage to clarify this issue.

Councilwoman Parella noted that the concerns of Ms. Spinard might be resolved by making a reference to the pertinent section with Planner Tanner noting that the concerns are addressed in the use table edits appearing on page 32 and 39.

Ms. Spinard suggested that the changes might also be reflected in the definitions with Director of Community Development Williamson noting that the matter is adequately covered in the use table.

Councilwoman Parella suggested that the verbiage might be amended also with Planner Tanner informing the Council that the use table appears to be the most often considered authority and also that the addition of more verbiage may add to and not resolve any confusion.

Assistant Solicitor Teitz provided certain language to clarify this matter with Planner Tanner in agreement to add this language to the section as follows:

Within the "TABLE INSET" concerning the R-80 Zone

"...structures ~~located on lots~~ with a minimum density of 80,000 square feet per dwelling unit. The..."

Concerning the R-40 Zone

"...structures ~~located on lots~~ with a minimum density of 40,000 square feet per dwelling unit. The..."

Concerning the R-40W Zone

"...source, ~~located on lots~~ with a minimum density of 40,000 square feet ..."

Concerning the R-20 Zone

"...structures ~~located on lots~~ with a minimum density of 20,000 square feet per dwelling unit.

Section 28-4 Map

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Barboza/Parella - Voted unanimously to approve this section with changes to the map concerning the HPC Zone.

Prior to the vote taken, Mr. DeLeo noted that the overlay appears to include Mount Hope Farm and that this is inadvisable with Planner Tanner in agreement that a new map will be provided with changes as suggested by Mr. DeLeo.

Article II - Administration

Barboza/Parella - Voted unanimously to accept this article as prepared and presented.

Article III - Permitted Uses

Barboza/Parella - Voted unanimously to accept this article with the addition of a "Y(1)" in the R-20 listing for two household dwellings located in the matrix on Page 32 and to include the reference of "and R-20" within footnote 1 appearing on Page 47

Article IV - Dimensional Regulations

Section 28-111

Barboza/Cordeiro - Voted unanimously to adopt this section as amended adding the notation of "for 1 dwelling unit 120 ft. for 2 dwelling units" to the Minimum Lot Width box for the R-15 Zone.

Prior to the vote taken, Director of Community Development Williamson reported that the proposed edit is recommended based upon the concerns as noted by Ms. Spinard.

Article V - Supplemental

Section 28-142

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Barboza/Cordeiro - Voted unanimously to approve these amendments as prepared and presented.

Prior to the vote taken, Planner Tanner noted that the amendments to Sections 142 and 143 were "clean-ups."

Section 28-150 (*all except subsection (j) and including supplemental information on bottom of page 1*)

Cordeiro/Barboza - Voted unanimously to accept these amendments as prepared and presented.

Prior to the vote taken, Director of Community Development Williamson reported that she made these edits following the suggestions made at the workshop concerning this matter.

Section 28-151

Barboza/Cordeiro - Voted unanimously to accept these amendments as prepared and presented.

Prior to the vote taken, Ms. Spinard asked to know who monitors the action regarding this section with Director of Community Development Williamson reporting that this ordinance reflects the regulations as stipulated by State Law. She added that the monitoring agent is RI Housing and that deed restriction covenants are placed in the Land Evidence records.

Section 28-153

Director of Community Development Williamson reported that this amendment represents a "clean up" and that previous language was inconsistent concerning the principle residence or accessory structure and also signage.

Planner Tanner noted that the amendments make no changes to the previous standards.

Councilman Cordeiro asked to know who will monitor this matter with Planner Tanner noting that this will be monitored through code compliance and that typically there would be zoning complaints filed by those who are aggrieved.

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Council Chairman Marshall suggested that this matter might be considered for further discussion at a later time.

Section 28-155

Parella/Cordeiro - Voted unanimously to approve these amendments as prepared and presented.

It is hereby noted for the record that there was no public comment concerning this section.

Article VI - Development Plan Review

Sections 28-181, 182, and 186

Barboza/Cordeiro - Voted unanimously to approve these amendments as prepared and presented.

Prior to the vote taken, Director of Community Development Williamson reported that these amendments represent "clean-ups."

Article VII - Nonconformance

Barboza/Parella - Voted unanimously to approve these amendments and to anticipate a report concerning the subject of the Edward King property at the Council meeting to be held on May 5, 2010.

Prior to the vote taken, Edward King of 84 Ferry Road objected to the "feature" of merging developed and undeveloped lots explaining that he "got stuck" with this issue concerning two lots on Acacia Road.

Planner Tanner noted that this matter is addressed on page 92 of the text and that there are numerous cases of "extremes in the other direction."

Planner Tanner noted that Mr. King might find relief in new sub-Section (c) (1) (d) that will allow Mr. King to split-off the undeveloped merged lot based upon the overall conditions found in the neighborhood.

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Director of Community Development Williamson reported that this new section will provide guidance to the Zoning Board concerning those cases similar to that of Mr. King and that previously there did not appear to be an allowance for same.

Assistant Solicitor Teitz reported that the code must provide consistency and have standards for fairness - the new section, as noted by Planner Tanner and Director of Community Development Williamson will examine the neighborhood and apply rules based upon the conditions found in same.

Director of Community Development Williamson reported that there is a rule that will allow the Planning Board to make changes based upon the conditions found in 70% of a given established neighborhood. She added that the new provision will allow the Zoning Board of Review to relieve the problems as noted by Mr. King's situation.

Planner Tanner noted that the Code "really needs" the new paragraph presented on page 92 of the text in order to protect neighborhoods.

Councilwoman Parella asked why someone might be required to pay taxes on two lots if these are automatically merged with Director of Community Development Williamson responding that this taxation issue changes when the property owner agrees and signs the lot merger declaration.

Council Chairman Marshall asked to know why approved lots were automatically merged with Assistant Solicitor Teitz responding that a Supreme Court case in 1985 allows for towns to prevail in lot merging.

Mr. King noted that his situation considers the installation of sewer lines, etc. with Assistant Solicitor Teitz noting that it appears that Mr. King's case may be an anomaly and require further investigation. Assistant Solicitor Teitz added that the new ordinance provision will make it easier for Mr. King to find relief.

Councilwoman Parella stated that she finds the changes to the ordinance acceptable as proposed but perhaps the King case should be examined by Director of Community Development Williamson and Assistant Solicitor Teitz.

Article VIII - Off Street Parking, etc.

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Barboza/Parella - Voted unanimously to accept these amendments as prepared and presented.

It is hereby noted for the record that there was no public comment concerning this section.

Article IX - Land Development Projects, Etc.

Section 28-282

Barboza/Cordeiro - Voted unanimously to accept these amendments as prepared and presented.

Prior to the vote taken, Planner Tanner explained that these amendments clarified those issues relating to setbacks and that the remainder were "housekeeping" in nature.

Section 28-284

Barboza/Cordeiro - Voted unanimously to accept these amendments as prepared and presented.

Prior to the vote taken, Assistant Solicitor Teitz reported that this amendment considers the Robin Rug situation and keeping density compatible with the surrounding neighborhood.

Section 28-285

Cordeiro/Parella - Voted unanimously to accept these amendments as prepared and presented.

Prior to the vote taken, it was noted for the record that these amendments consider the provisions of the Metacom Avenue corridor plan as these relate to the Zoning Code.

Division 3

Section 28-331

Cordeiro/Barboza - Voted unanimously to accept these amendments as prepared and presented.

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It is hereby noted for the record that there was no public comment concerning this section.

Division 6

Sections 28-361, 363, and 367

Barboza/Cordeiro - Voted unanimously to accept these amendments as prepared and presented.

Prior to the vote taken, Director of Community Development Williamson reported that these amendments are consistent with the affordable housing production plan and included on Page 151 of the ordinance proposal.

Planner Tanner reported that the amendment references the State Law and deletes the reference to a particular local agency.

Council Chairman Marshall asked to know from where the 25% reference was derived with Assistant Solicitor Teitz responding that this was derived from the Comprehensive Plan relating to affordable housing.

It is hereby noted for the record that there was no public comment concerning this section.

Article X - Signs

Sections 28-373 and 374

Barboza/Parella - Voted unanimously to accept these amendments as prepared and presented.

Prior to the vote taken, responding to questions posed by Councilman Cordeiro, Planner Tanner noted that "plaza signage" was added to the ordinance via amendments to this section.

It is hereby noted for the record that there was no public comment concerning this section.

Article XI - Administration, etc.

Sections 28-402 through 409

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Barboza/Cordeiro - Voted unanimously to accept these sections as amended.

It is hereby noted for the record that there was no public comment concerning this section.

Section 28-411

Barboza/Cordeiro - Voted unanimously to accept these sections as amended.

It is hereby noted for the record that there was no public comment concerning this section.

Section 28-412

Barboza/Cordeiro - Voted unanimously to accept these sections as amended.

It is hereby noted for the record that there was no public comment concerning this section.

1. Flooding and Sewer Crisis

Cordeiro/Parella - Voted unanimously to affirm the Council's consideration of a state of emergency and to add to the agenda issues relating to flooding and sewer overflows.

Prior to the vote taken, Town Solicitor Ursillo suggested a motion to add these items to the agenda.

Barboza/Cordeiro - Voted unanimously to appropriate an "emergency fund" in the amount of \$25,000 for the Human Services for direct aid to individuals.

Prior to the vote taken, Council Chairman Marshall noted that he has spoken to Town Administrator Mederos and also to the various state authorities and wished to offer the Council the opportunity to take note of the happenings of the past few days and also to offer the Council's gratitude for the work accomplished by Town departments, etc.

Town Administrator Mederos noted that her letter concerning this matter will be posted on the Town website.

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Council Chairman Marshall stated that there are not yet many answers available to address citizen inquiries with Town Administrator Mederos reporting that there will be a conference call with the emergency authorities tomorrow.

Council Chairman Marshall asked to know if the Town would be reimbursed if it advances funds for emergency repairs, etc., noting that this question was asked of the authorities and yet remains unanswered.

Council Chairman Marshall also noted that he has been in contact with the Interlocal Trust.

Town Administrator Mederos reported that citizens are contacting the Town for assistance and also that there are FEMA satellite offices in Westerly and Warwick.

Council Chairman Marshall noted that he wished to discuss this matter this evening in order to ask the Town Administrator if the Town Council may be of assistance in this matter.

Town Administrator Mederos reported that the Council has already been of assistance through its budgeting process and that the various Town Departments are "plowing through" the various reports from individuals, etc., in order to assess the damage.

Town Administrator Mederos reported also that Fire Chief Martin informs her that the fire personnel have already pumped out one-hundred (100) basements and that three-hundred (300) remain on the list for pumping.

Council Chairman Marshall noted that the United States officials are looking for figures on the damage, etc., particularly U. S. Senator Whitehouse.

Town Administrator Mederos noted that there had been some damage to streets.

Council Chairman Marshall asked to know if there was a plan in place to put back-up valves on the sewer lines with Town Administrator Mederos agreeing to ask Water Pollution Control Superintendent Calderiso about this matter.

Councilwoman Parella stated that the Council should authorize emergency funds for Human Services Director Carusi to increase the Director's emergency fund.

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Town Solicitor Ursillo suggested that there might be two categories for assistance these being one for those who might need advances and will be eventually able to reimburse and one for those who do not expect reimbursement but have "hard luck."

Town Administrator Mederos agreed to speak to Director Carusi regarding this matter.

Town Administrator Mederos also reported that the Town received the use of some pumping equipment from private contractors and also that the Town is keeping track of expenses (detail pay, etc.) in order to possibly receive some reimbursement from the disaster relief.

Town Administrator Mederos also reported that the Town will open the transfer station for no fee in order to accommodate the removal of flood damages materials.

There being no further business, upon a motion by Councilwoman Parella, seconded by Councilman Barboza and voted unanimously, the Chairman declared this meeting to be adjourned at 10:15 o'clock PM.

Louis P. Cirillo, CMC
Council Clerk