# Town of Rowe – FY2013
## Board of Selectmen – Minutes
## EMERGENCY MEETING
## Monday, October 29, 2012 – 10:00am
## Rowe Town Hall

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**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman McLatchy at 10:01am.

**Present:** Vice Chairman Paul McLatchy III and Selectman Marilyn Wilson

**Absent:** Chairman Noel Abbott

**Also Present:** DPW Supt. Jim Taylor, Emergency Management Director Ed May, Fire Chief Paul McLatchy Jr., Police Chief Henry Dandeneau, Police Officer Julie Shippee and Town Coordinator Ellen Miller

**Weather Forecast:** Public Safety officials discussed the latest weather forecasts available. Approximately 1½" of rain is expected, and winds up to 65-70mph. The worst winds will be this evening through the early Tuesday morning hours. Power outages are expected. Flooding is not a concern at this time. The event is expected to last through Thursday for our area.

**Roadways:** DPW Supt. Taylor stated that his crew will be on standby during the duration of the event. He has two back-up drivers (Sean Loomis and Jim Lively) available if needed. If additional help is needed above and beyond the main and spare crew, he will call in local contractors for assistance.

**Preparations for Future Events:** There is a strong need for emergency power for the municipal center (Town Hall, DPW Garage, Fire Station and Gracy House). The Select Board agreed to discuss this during the upcoming FY2014 budget talks. Ed May will also look for any available grants. He has applied twice for grants for such an emergency power source, but both times the town has been turned down. An emergency power source costing approximately $110K was applied for during the most recent round of Homeland Security grants and town meeting voted to fund the town's share ($27,000). However, the grant application was not approved. There has been a change in the past few years in that state and federal grants are being given to regional entities rather than individual towns. Because of our rural location—which can be cut off from regional sources—we must be able to provide shelter within town for our citizens.

**Potential Basement Flooding:** Ed May stated there are two homeowners in town whose homes are prone to basement flooding. He has been in contact with one already, and will contact the other. The Fire Department will pump out the basements if needed.

**Next Meeting:** It was determined that unless there is a great shift in the storm event, a follow-up emergency meeting is not needed at this time.

**Adjournment:** The Select Board voted unanimously (2/0/0) to adjourn the meeting at 10:30am.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen B. Miller
Town Coordinator

Approved:

*[Absent]*
Noel R. Abbott, Chairman

Paul McLatchy III, Vice Chairman

Oct 30, 2012
Date Approved

Marilyn Wilson