

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 1977
EMERGENCY MEETING

Present: Chairman John C. Powers and Ira M. Potell

The emergency meeting was called to order by Chairman John C. Powers at 7:30 p.m. in the Loring Parsonage.

Emergency Meeting - Damage from May 9 Storm - Power Failure

Present: Josiah F. Frost, Civil Defense Director

The Chairman of the Board of Selectmen announced that an emergency meeting was called for 7:30 p.m., May 11, to discuss the damage relative to the storm of May 9 and what action might be taken to force Boston Edison to return power in a more expeditious manner to approximately sixteen hundred residential homes. Chief Frost expressed to the Board that, in his opinion, there was poor communication between himself, as Civil Defense Director, and Boston Edison officials; examples being no visible sign of repair crews and live wires being across certain roads now for a period of two days. In addition, Chief Frost stated that he had contacted Boston Edison emergency headquarters in Wayland, and they informed him that no trucks were assigned to Sudbury (to his knowledge), which was in direct contradiction to statements given by Mr. Frederick Roth.

Chairman Powers expressed his great concern at the poor response of Boston Edison and apparent lack of any work crews or standby Edison trucks to handle emergencies in Sudbury. Mr. Thompson, Executive Secretary, responded that to his knowledge Boston Edison was only providing temporary emergency service in Sudbury, and it appeared no restoration vehicles or tree trimming vehicles were working in Sudbury on a continuous basis as of this date.

After further discussion and consideration, it was the consensus of the Board of Selectmen that the Town should demand a public statement by Boston Edison on Sudbury's power failure situation due to the storm and a realistic time schedule for restoration of the same. In addition, the Board directed the Executive Secretary to convey the following request to Boston Edison:

- 1) That a Boston Edison liaison official be assigned in Sudbury to the Civil Defense Director with authority to cause coordination of Boston Edison and Town storm cleanup activities.
- 2) That a detailed statement be given by Boston Edison as to when we might expect electrical power to return to various sections of Town, so that residents may be informed.

The Board further directed that the Executive Secretary call a department heads' meeting for 10:00 a.m. in the Loring Parsonage on May 12 to coordinate all Town activities relative to the storm and for preparation of a public statement for Town residents, to be released through the media and the schools.

On motion by Selectman Potell, it was unanimously

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. in the Loring
Parsonage on May 12, 1977.

Attest: Richard E. Thompson
Richard E. Thompson
Executive Secretary-Clerk