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To: Holbrook Emergency Management

Subject: March 12-15 Storm Recovery Update

Hello to all:

CC: to Town officials and other interested parties:

I have received damage reports from many homeowners and a few businesses due to the March 12-15 flooding. I wanted to give an update on what is currently occurring.

The initial damage assessment phase for residential and commercial property has ended. The assessment phase for damage to public infrastructure will begin this coming wednesday. With the submitted information from holbrook and other towns throughout the state, Governor Patrick has asked President Obama for a disaster declaration. Norfolk County has been included in the request. No time frame has been given for the response, but it should occur soon.

I would request that everyone who had damage from the storm take a few minutes and register at <http://www.disasterassistance.gov>. If you do not have a computer, you can register by phone at:

Apply by Phone:

1 (800) 621-FEMA (3362)

1 (800) 462-7585 (TTY)

for people with speech or hearing disabilities

The applications will only be processed IF a disaster declaration is made by the President. I am asking everyone to let your friends, family members, neighbors, and coworkers know about the website and phone number. While a declaration has not yet been made, a response is expected soon. If a positive response is recieved, the processing of applications will begin shortly and I join everyone in wanting to see the recovery process continue for everyone as smoothly as possible.

I cannot make any guarantees about which programs people may be eligible for; however, if people keep receipts they may have a better chance for aid. FEMA may also open Disaster Recovery Centers in Massachusetts if a Disaster Declaration is obtained. A disaster Recovery Center will have publications and individuals knowledgeable in the disaster recovery process who can answer many questions about federal aid and loan programs. Locations are to be determined, but these centers will have walk-in service. I recommend registering online or by phone at a minimum as soon as possible and then visiting the Disaster Recovery Centers when they open.

As I get more information, I promise to post it on the Emergency Management Website (<http://www.holbrookemergencycenter.org>) , the official website of Holbrook (holbrookMA.gov) or to send out emails through the Holbrook EMA email group. You can see the email group at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/holbrookemergency/>

Finally, I have a 6 cleanup kits available which the Red Cross provided. Each cleanup kit contains a broom, Mop, bucket, and some cleaning supplies. Contact me if you want one. It is first come, first serve until the supplies are exhausted.

Respectfully,

Richard Reuss
Holbrook Emergency Management Agency