



Thursday, December 5, 2019
9:30- 11:00 AM
Dennis Police Department
90 Bob Crowell Road, South Dennis, MA 02660

Minutes

I. Welcome, Introductions:

II. Disaster Specialists: Stacia Draper of Disaster Specialists reviewed their services.

<https://disasterspecialists.com/>

They do small and large jobs responding to issues of fire, water, mold, sewer, animal hoarding and crime and trauma scenes. They do not respond to oil spills. Most of their referrals are from plumbers for water damage as well as boards of health and housing authorities. They will do structural repair as necessary including tear down and rebuilds. Fees are paid by the individual and may be covered by homeowners depending on the case.

Concern that hoarding is an “epidemic” on Cape Cod and it’s not always the properties that have stuff on the lawn.

III. Roles and Responsibilities of the Health Department (45 min): Carrie Schoener from the Dennis Health Department discussed the roles and responsibilities of the health department in hoarding situations including administrative search warrants and condemnation. See included PowerPoint presentation for details.

IV. Discuss Active Hoarding Cases

Magnum movers was in attendance and is concerned for the number of cases they have encountered. Often the individuals are unaware that they have a large amount of material or that there is a health and safety hazard to themselves or others that are entering the dwelling unit. There was discussion of the need for ways to approach individuals and not be insulting, perhaps have an information card that can be left for the individual to call and ask for help when they are ready.

Adjourn: 11:00 AM