

Section 5.03 Emergency Authority Language Draft for PH#2

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In the event that severe or widespread conditions arise which may affect the general health, safety, or welfare of the townspeople or their property and which make taking immediate action advisable to take immediate action, the First Selectman or, in the absence of the First Selectman, the Deputy First Selectman or in the absence of both the First Selectman and the Deputy First Selectman, the Board of Selectman may appoint another Selectmen who shall be empowered to declare a temporary state of emergency for a period not to exceed seventy-two (72) hours. The First Selectman or Deputy First Selectman or other appointed Selectman declaring such state of emergency shall specify the reasons for the declaration and the expected duration of the emergency. After a state of emergency has been declared, the Board of Selectmen shall convene a Special Meeting as soon as possible to ratify the emergency declaration and if warranted, to extend the emergency declaration beyond seventy-two (72) hours, if an extension is warranted. Due and diligent effort shall be made to give reasonable notice to all members of the Board of Selectmen of the place and time for the Special Meeting, and the quorum provisions normally applicable to meetings of the Board of Selectmen shall be suspended during the Special Meeting. Upon a state of emergency having been declared, the Board of Selectmen shall be empowered to adopt such resolutions and Ordinances as it deems necessary under the circumstances. Any resolution or Ordinance adopted by the Board of Selectmen during a declared state of emergency, if not previously repealed or if not continued by Special Town Meeting action, shall automatically cease to have any force and effect sixty (60) days after enactment.