

“Meet the Team”

(Picture on Cover)

(Left to Right)

Back Row: Vicki Higgins, Ricky Harris, Tyler Sirois, Kristin Sirois, Amanda Foster, Melissa Adams, Courtney Foote and Jennifer Gusler

Front Row: Trisha McCarthy, Ray Thayer, Larry Foote and Nancy Wrigley

We now have a team in place to assist the Emergency Management Director, Larry Foote during Town Emergencies. You may have met members of the team during last year’s weather-related events. These are the men and women that were knocking on your doors, leaving you notes and sometimes water. They also staffed our Town Hall Warming Station. This is where you can stop by and have a meal, a cup of coffee, re-charge your cell phones and use the rest-rooms or even take a nap in a warm room.

This Team has conducted well-being checks on our residents. They have done an exceptional job, so we thought this would be a good time to meet them. These Trained, Non-Medical, Emergency Personnel will continue to contribute their skills and expertise in response to various emergencies, including weather related events. Often times these events leave our town crippled and without power or communication. It will be these people who will assist our Fire Department and Police Department by going house to house to check on you. **Please talk to them;** Let them know if you have any particular medical needs, including power for medical needs, or if you have a generator and where it is located. Tell them if you need water or transportation to a shelter. They will be able to communicate immediately with our Police and Fire Departments to get you further assistance when necessary.

In addition to this, our Emergency Team may give you information about disaster preparedness, for hazards that may impact the Town of Newton, regarding road closures, additional weather information and reports from Unitil and Home Land Security.

We encourage you to fill out paperwork at the Newton Town Hall so we may contact you during these emergencies and also to be a part of the “ALERT NOW” system. Don’t forget to mention if you have pets. You also can fill out paperwork on Election Day. This will make sure that you receive up to date information on the current Emergency.

Our Newton Team has been educated to perform in conjunction with our Emergency Management Department when responding to events that may impact our town as well as staffing our Warming Stations, Shelter and our Emergency Operations Center. Tell them what you need. If we can’t talk to you, you may be left in the dark.

The Town of Newton continues to improve and add services for our residents.

This is one more way the Town is taking care of you.