Post Assessment and Measures to Improve Outcomes for Future Storms

Board of Selectmen Meeting September 8, 2020

Actions to Improve Outcomes

- Legislature:
 - Energy and Technology Committee <u>Information Hearing</u> on the Storm
 - 12 hour+ Hearing. Video available on <u>CT Network</u>
 - Testimony by Eversource Executives and the Public
 - Energy and Technology Committee Draft Bill LCO 3920- <u>An Act</u>

 <u>Concerning Emergency Response by Electric Distribution Companies and</u>

 Revising the Regulations of Other Public Utilities
 - Listening Session-September 8th
 - Special Legislative Session this month to consider the draft bill

Actions to Improve Outcomes

• PURA:

- Opened Investigation into Eversource's and UI's response to the storm. Docket number: 20-08-03
 - Public Hearing on October 21st, 22nd, 23rd
 - Email written testimony to <u>PURA.ExecutiveSecretary@ct.gov</u>. Put docket number in the subject line
- Opened Consideration of Civil Penalty and Enforcement Action
- PURA-Ongoing
 - Utility Vegetation Management requirements are viewable online

Actions to Improve Outcomes

- Town of Wilton Priorities-Short-term
 - Applied for and awarded Intervenor Status for the October Public Hearing
 - Ability to provide testimony
 - Ability to ask questions
 - Provided with all information
 - Working with area towns to request an investigation by PURA into how cable companies handed the response to the storm

Actions to Improve Outcomes

Town of Wilton Priorities:

- Increased Resiliency
 - Propose ordinance-restrict tree location & height along the road and near wires
 - Right Tree, Right Place Standards
 - Propose zoning changes to reflect the ordinance
 - Town Tree Removal Plan and increased funding for tree removal
- Improved and Expanded Wireless/Cellular Service and Coverage
 - Wireless is the next form of competition
 - Investigate and encourage investment by wireless providers

Actions to Improve Outcomes

How Can Appointed Boards and Commissions Independently Support Priorities?

- Energy Commission-Support Alternative Energy Sources
- Energy Commission-Investigate Municipal Utility
 - Suggested by Residents
 - Energy Commission work with Knowledgeable Residents to Evaluate
- Tree Committee-Investigate Incentives for Tree Removal by Private Property Owners