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utility pole to the home and will also maintain the electric meter (#1 and #5) whether it is attached to the building on the outside or inside. The property owner is responsible for installing, maintaining and repairing all equipment beyond the service connection except for the electric meter including #2, the weatherhead and insulator; #3 the service entrance cable #4 the meter box and the part of #5 that includes the main service panel (including fuses and breakers), as well as any appliances or wiring within the home. Call HMLD at 508-829-0275 with any questions.

investigating are strangers.

Log entries are rife with reports of contractors from outside the area — from as far away as Minnesota — showing up in town to look for work, and giving estimates many say seem outrageous.

At the daily Emergency Operations Center meeting on Sunday and Monday, Town Manager Brian Bullock couldn't help but shake his head at the stories he's hearing — of contractors giving inflated estimates, some of them for work that residents will have done for free by the Holden Municipal Light Department (see illustration).

Police track down each call by a resident reporting strangers in town approaching residents with estimates; in one instance Tuesday, the vehicle being used by the "contractor" was found to be stolen. As *The Landmark* went to press, police were still searching for that vehicle.

Sherrill said police have instituted extra patrols in neighborhoods that are still without power and where residents may still be away from home. He advises neighbors to keep an eye out for anything suspicious and report it to police by calling 508-829- 4444.

Though the situation is ripe for looting, Sherrill said he has little to report in that respect; at press time, only one robbery at the Mobil station involving the theft of liquor and cigarettes overnight Friday had been reported.

A Worcester resident was arrested for disturbing the peace and trespassing after employees at Bay State Savings Bank reported she had told them items were stolen from her safety deposit box and wouldn't accept the assurance of employees that nothing had been removed.

Two men were arrested for domestic disturbances, including violation of restraining orders, domestic assault and battery, and attempting to intimidate witnesses. The latter are frequently reported in Holden, as in other area towns, but Sherrill believes such instances may be escalating because of storm-related tensions.

While many of those arrested in domestic situations are Holden neighbors, many others police are

