

Hazard Mitigation Commission  
Town Hall  
November 21, 2017  
7:30 pm  
Selectmen's Meeting Room,  
Second Floor

**Present** Chair Hank Graver, Stephen Kops, Arnold Skretta, Allyn Brown,  
Town Environmental Planner Kevin Magee,  
Town Health Director Dennis Johnson  
**Absent** None  
**Guests** None

**Call to Order/Determination of Quorum**

At 7:40 pm, Chair Hank Graver called to order the regular meeting. All present were eligible to vote.

**Public Forum**

There were no citizens present.

**Approval of August 15, October 3, October 17 Minutes**

The September regular meeting was cancelled.

*Motion: Dennis Johnson moved to approve the August 15 minutes, seconded by Stephen Kops.*

*Vote: Carried - Dennis Johnson, Stephen Kops, Kevin Magee, Allyn Brown, Arnold Skretta*

*Motion: Stephen Kops moved to approve the October 3 Public Outreach Meeting minutes and, seconded by Dennis Johnson.*

*Vote: Carried - Stephen Kops, Dennis Johnson, Kevin Magee, Arnold Skretta  
Abstained - Allyn Brown (Absent Oct. 3)*

*Motion: Stephen Kops moved to approve the October 17 regular meeting minutes, seconded by Dennis Johnson.*

*Vote: Carried - Stephen Kops, Dennis Johnson, Kevin Magee, Arnold Skretta  
Abstained - Allyn Brown (Absent Oct. 17)*

## Approval of Bills and Vouchers

### Recording Secretary Invoice

*Motion:* Arnold Skretta moved to approve the Recording Secretary October 17, 2017 invoice for \$119.00, seconded by Stephen Kops.

*Vote:* Carried - Unanimously

**Other** There were no additional bills.

## Old Business

- **Primary Concerns : Strategies for 2017**

Discussion took place under "New Business".

- **Review all Strategies List**

Discussion was held under other agenda items.

- **Review Priorities of other Boards and Commissions.**

Chair Graver advised that the Marina Commission is planning to dredge the Guilford Harbor, as needed every few years. They are looking for a location to deposit spoils and reviewing new technologies.

## New Business

- **Recommend 20 strategy projects for the South Central Regional Council Of Governments (SCRCOG) updated Five Year Multi - Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan**

Kevin Magee submitted copies of the South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCRCOG) "Prevention Mitigation Actions" report and powerpoint presentation on the SCRCOG meeting review of strategy projects. HazMC data and 20 strategies (requested by SCRCOG from each town) have been added to the list. Reviewing the list, Kevin advised that Chimney Corners Road (#87) project is delayed until there is an agreement with a resident regarding access to a boat garage.

Discussion reviewed details of the list Action Items noting :

- #89 Raise bulkhead and seawall at Town Marina - this is partially complete, sidewalk must be done.

- #91-97 have been combined into one Action Item as "Living Shoreline" in a conceptual design for Chittenden Beach.
- Concept Design Plan drawings, created by SCRCOG consultant, were reviewed noting that sills were added to slow erosion in many areas.
- The Plan will be reviewed and revised by design engineers prior to SCRCOG application for a regional grant(s).
- Kevin advised that SCRCOG requested that towns submit their projects prioritized as high, medium, and low and provide the approximate years to complete each one.
- Reviewed projects that Madison and Branford are working on.
- SCRCOG can apply to UCONN and DEEP for grants. Kevin will review the applications to report to HazMC.
- Dennis Johnson and Kevin will review the HazMC 20 strategies submitted to SCRCOG and contact Town Engineer Jim Portley regarding the approximate cost of each.
- Kevin will send HazMC info to SCRCOG who will send a draft report to HazMC before the final report is completed.

SCRCOG has requested that residents submit a SCRCOG online survey or mail a paper copy provided in the Town Hall lobby and at the Guilford Library.

Chair Graver read a news article regarding grants received from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Dept. and the Environmental Protection Agency.

Kevin advised that, depending on required criteria, grant applications can be submitted to those agencies for Grass Island and other areas of Town. The Army Corp of Engineers requirements must also be met for most projects.

- **Reports from Commissioners' Assignments**

There was no further discussion.

- **Schedule a HazMC meeting with a SCRCOG representative**

Discussion took place on whether or not representatives from DEEP, UCONN or the SCRCOG consultants could meet with HazMC to assure that HazMC is fulfilling requirements to receive grants.

- **Tree Removal Program Update re: recent wind storms**

Kevin Magee reported that due to a severe wind storm trees had fallen in several areas of Town, especially those which still had leaves. A large tree had fallen on a house in the Sachem's Head area and a tree on Falcon Road had caused an impasse. Portions of North Guilford had lost power. Eversource utilities had used restoration crews and not tree cut crews. They had not been well prepared to provide services. Hazardous trees were removed on Little

Meadow Road, State Street from Route 1, South Hoop Pole Road and trimming up to Route 80 along Little Meadow Road.

- **Other**

Dennis Johnson reported that he had installed additional emergency evacuation signs on Long Hill Road and the Indian Cove area.

Commissioners thanked Kevin Magee for his many hours of work on the SCRCOG project and Tree Removal Program.

Commissioners expressed appreciation to Kevin Magee for his major effort on the HazMC strategy list and SCRCOG project to obtain regional grants.

### **Adjournment**

*Motion: At 8:56 pm Stephen Kops moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded Kevin Magee.*

*Vote: Carried - Unanimously*

**There will be no December meeting.**

**The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 16, 2018.**

*Respectfully submitted,*

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*Judith Anderson Castellano  
Recording Secretary*