

**Hazard Mitigation Commission
Guilford Town Hall
June 18, 2019
3:00 pm
Selectmen's Meeting Room,
Second Floor**

Present Chair Steve Kops, Town Health Director Dennis Johnson,
Kit Wilcox, Hersh Hernandez
Absent Hank Graver, Kevin Magee / Town Environmental Planner
Guests None

1. Confirmation of a Quorum

At 3:00 pm, Chair Steve Kops called to order the regular meeting. A quorum was present and all eligible to vote.

2. Public Forum (limited to 5 minutes) There were no comments.

3. Minutes of May 28, 2019

Upon review,

Motion: Kit Wilcox moved to approve the May 28, 2019 minutes, as presented, seconded by Hersh Hernandez.

Vote: Carried - Dennis Johnson, Kit Wilcox, Hersh Hernandez

4. Environmental Planner's Report (Kevin Magee)

Environ. Planner Kevin Magee was unable to attend.

5. Health Director's Report (Dennis Johnson)

Health Dir. Dennis Johnson reported :

- The Mulberry Point water main project has begun clearing and blasting the area. Construction will start in July. It should take approximately eighteen months to complete. Residents in the area have waited several years for water pipes to be installed to allow safe water to their homes including when power outages. Residents will now have a reliable water supply with fire hydrants every 1000 feet and discounts on homeowners insurance.

- The DEEP has warned towns that blue green algae are a problem in coastal waters and lakes during the summer. Dangerous levels have not been found yet in Guilford this summer. Runoff waters can spur growth.

Health Dir. Johnson warns the public to not eat shellfish that is in algae, cooked or raw, or swallow the water. His Dept. will continue to monitor Guilford's waterways.

6. Chair's Report (Steve Kops)

Chair Kops reported that he has worked with Town Webmaster Traci Brinkman to add computer links on the Town website. Traci will continue to upload links as needed.

7. New Business

Discussion reviewed planning for a HazMC Community Outreach Meeting. Topics would include :

- Alert residents and businesses to HazMC responsibilities and role, ongoing and completed projects, flood insurance information, the Community Rating System its' points and rating process.
- Ask for public input on hazard mitigation priorities in their neighborhoods.
- Publicize the Outreach Meeting on GCTV, newspapers, HazMC and Town websites.
- Provide a panel of department experts and FEMA representatives including from the Town Engineer, Natural Resource Dept. (Environmental Planner/Tree Warden), Public Works, Emergency Services, Health Dept., Community Shelters, and others.
- Insurance agents can be advised on how FEMA brokers flood insurance and the discount process.
- Review the Emergency Preparedness Brochure which is annually mailed to all residents.
- History and purpose of preparedness for residents and businesses to help each other and Emergency Services to save lives.
- Alert to locations of flood zones and how the Town Emergency Operations Center preparedness plans are implemented.
- Advise on Police and Emergency Services for immobilized citizens and special needs individuals.
- Review of installing solar panels and generators for power outages and private or public water purification systems.
- Evacuation routes and what to expect and bring to a Shelter, securing property and homes.
- Information on the Medical Reserve Corp. volunteers who are active nurses, doctors, nurse practitioners and the regular drills done by the Town emergency services.
- The Outreach Meeting will take place midweek in September at 7:30 pm. Chair Kops will contact the Community Center staff to set a date and reserve a room.

8. Old Business

It was decided to hold monthly meetings until further notice on projects.

9. Approval of Bills

Motion: Kit Wilcox moved to approve payment of the Recording Secretary invoice for \$51.75, seconded by Hersh Hernandez.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

10. Adjourn

Motion: At 3:43 pm, Dennis Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Kit Wilcox.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

*Judith Anderson Castellano
Recording Secretary*