

Hazard Mitigation Commission  
Town Hall  
June 20, 2017  
4:00 pm  
Selectmen's Meeting Room,  
Second Floor

**Present** Chair Hank Graver, Allyn Brown, Arnold Skretta,  
Town Environmental Planner Kevin Magee

**Absent** Stephen Kops, Town Health Director Dennis Johnson

**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 April Minutes (May meeting was cancelled)**

April minutes will be approved at the June regular meeting. A lack of quorum who had been present at the April meeting prevented a vote.

**Approval of Bills and Vouchers**

**Recording Secretary Invoice**

*Motion: Kevin Magee moved to approve the April invoice for \$110.50 for the Recording Secretary, seconded by Allyn Brown.*

*Vote: Carried - Allyn Brown, Arnold Skretta, Kevin Magee*

**Other** There was no further business.

**Old Business**

• **Primary Concerns : Strategies for 2017**

- Discussion reviewed primary strategy concerns to address this year, including :
- Town plans to shelter residents at both the high school and community center.
    - \* Police and Fire Departments should be contacted to clarify information.
    - \* FEMA will not pay for storm shutters on the Community Center to withstand a Category 3 hurricane.

- Chair Graver and Kevin Magee had met with Town Asst. Engineering Director Mark Damiani regarding the Town application to be included in the Community Rating System. Residents could receive insurance discounts.
- Kevin Magee will attend a SCRCOG meeting this month. SCRCOG has approved the Guilford Hazard Mitigation Plan to be included with fourteen other towns, to be updated to comply with Federal Emergency Management Agency criteria to obtain grant funding. A consultant has been hired to process all the town plans.
- Chair Graver will contact someone on the high school building design committee and invite to the next HazMC meeting.
- There are many questions regarding shelter priorities, such as medical care for evacuees, providing for pets, and updating evacuation routes and installing new signs as soon as possible.

Discussion reviewed areas of town where ongoing flooding occurs and where water level is rising to cause additional areas. There is a mandatory evacuation process to be enforced to save lives and cause less danger to emergency personnel.

Arnold Skretta will contact the Town Emergency Management Team, which includes: Police, Fire and Rescue Teams, Parks and Recreation, Health Dir. Johnson, Superintendent of Schools Freeman and Kevin Magee.

Currently, Health Dir. Johnson producing an Emergency Procedure brochure mailed to residents. An additional fact sheet can be provided to the public on a regular basis alerting them to what to do during emergency situations and Town plans and forums can be presented.

- **Review all Strategies List**

Members are asked to continue to review the Strategy List for ongoing discussion and implementation at the June meeting.

## **New Business**

- **Reports from Commissioners as Assigned at the April Meeting**

Stephen Kops will visit the community center and high school to observe the preparedness as storm shelters and contact officials.

Kevin Magee and Hank Graver will continue working with Asst. Town Engineer Mark Damiani on the CRS status.

It was noted that the Long Hill Road reconstruction project near Bishop's Field has been funded by State of CT and Federal grants.

- **Two New Acela line Railroad Tracks Along Route 146**

As in April, discussion was held regarding the concept designs for the CT Dept. of Transportation, Route 146 Bridge Project, and the adjacent Amtrak railroad track reconstruction. Bridges must be raised to accommodate water volume while providing public safety. Members reviewed potential Army Corp of Engineers and Amtrak projects at the tracks and local crabbing area along the road.

- **Other**

Chair Graver advised that the Marina Commission has concerns regarding the impact of boat waste and may hire a consultant to work on alleviating issues.

### **Adjournment**

*Motion: At 8:39 Kevin Magee moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Allyn Brown.  
Vote: Carried - Unanimously*

**The next meeting will be Tuesday, July 18, 2017.**

*Respectfully submitted,*

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*Judith Anderson Castellano  
Recording Secretary*