

Hazard Mitigation Commission
Town Hall
October 20, 2015
7:30 pm
Selectmen's Meeting Room,
Second Floor

Present Chair Hank Graver, Allyn Brown, Steve Kops, Rich Meier,
Town Environmental Planner Kevin Magee

Absent John Henningson, Town Health Director Dennis Johnson

Guests None

Call to Order/Determination of Quorum

At 7:45 pm, Chair Hank Graver called to order the regular meeting, noting that all present were eligible to vote.

Public Forum

There were no guests present.

Approval of Minutes of Previous meeting

Upon review,

Motion: Steve Kops moved to approve the September 15, 2015 minutes, seconded by Rich Meier.

*Vote: Carried - Kops, Brown, Graver, Meier
Abstained - Kevin Magee (absent)*

Approval of Bills and Vouchers

Recording Secretary Invoice \$165.00

Other There were no other bills or vouchers.

Motion: Rich Meier moved to pay the invoice, seconded by Kevin Magee.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

Old Business

Discussion reviewed strategies and FEMA criteria and regulations to obtain grants. Kevin Magee will research which CT towns have received grant assistance and participated in the program of Community Rating System. It was noted that discounted flood insurance premiums can be an incentive for residents to participate in storm preparedness and mitigation plans.

New Business

A. Discussion with First Selectman Joe Mazza

Chair Graver had met with First Selectman Joe Mazza, who had agreed that a consultant should be hired to work with the HazMC to review and update the HazMC Plan, in order to meet the FEMA grant criteria. Mr. Mazza requested that Kevin Magee provide a proposal to create a program for the Community Rating System (CRS). This would include hiring a full time consultant / grant writer to be used for all Town departments. HazMC representatives would attend other Board and Commission meetings to learn what they are doing in regards to the HazMC Plan and would report findings to the Board of Selectmen (BOS) and FEMA.

Kevin Magee will contact Selectman Mazza.

B. Meetings with Residents of Three Local Area

Meetings with local residents are an ongoing process. Feedback and input helps to prioritize HazMC strategies in order to determine cost needs to be included in grant requests and to coordinate work projects with Public Works and emergency services.

C. FEMA Report : Review Strategies

Chair Graver reviewed assignments for each commissioner to concentrate on particular strategy projects in sections of Town and to attend meetings of other commissions and boards. HazMC will continue to identify key risks to the public and contact Town agencies who may be responsible to permit, inspect or regulate such risks.

Other Business

The resignation of John Henningson has been accepted by the BOS, though he will remain a member until a replacement is found.

Kevin Magee has been in contact with SCROG (State of CT Regional Organization of Governments) regarding FEMA participation and regional grants.

The HazMC November regular meeting will be a workshop on each commissioner's assigned strategy project. Commissioners should be prepared to submit lists of their particular projects by the December 15th regular meeting.

Adjournment

Motion: At 8:30 pm, Steve Kops moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Rich Meier.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, November 17, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Anderson Castellano
Recording Secretary