

**Hazard Mitigation Commission
Town Hall
February 16, 2016
7:30 pm
Selectmen's Meeting Room
Second Floor**

Present: Chair Hank Graver, Allyn Brown, Steve Kops, Town Environmental Planner
Kevin Magee, Town Health Director Dennis Johnson

Absent: Rich Meier

Guests: None

Call to Order/Determination of Quorum

At 7:32, Chair Hank Graver call 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 Kevin Magee noted that under New Business on page 2 "Soundview Avenue" should be changed to Seaview Ave. Also, in the third paragraph on page 2, the phrase municipalities use dry spoils as "land fill" should be changed to municipalities use dry spoils as "cover."

Motion: Kevin Magee moved to approve the January 19 regular meeting minutes with corrections noted. Seconded by Allyn Brown. Approved unanimously.

Approval of Bills and Vouchers

Motion: Kevin Magee moved to approve voucher bill to recording secretary Judith Castellano for the previous meeting minutes. Seconded by Steve Kops, approved unanimously.

Old Business: Hank Graver discussed the proposed Senate Bill 78 sponsored by Senator Ted Kennedy Junior the is currently scheduled for public hearing at the State Legislature The proposed bill concerns the disposition of dredged materials from certain harbors and ports on

Long Island Sound and seeks to establish a preference for not disposing of harbor and port dredged materials through open water placement and to have benthic surveys and studies inform the decision of how to dispose of such dredged materials. The Guilford Harbor commission may convene a special meeting to discuss this bill as it could have significant impact on where future dredging spoils from the Guilford Marina or private marinas are disposed.

New Business

Final Review of "Strategies for Guilford" document

From the original list of 131 hazard mitigation strategies a final reduced list consisting of 27 strategies had been created by Dennis Johnson and Allyn Brown. The completed list was distributed to Commission member to review and discuss. Kevin Magee noted that many of the items had already been completed which was good for accumulating credit towards FEMA Community Rating System. The next step will be to review the manual for the FEMA Community Rating System to determine if the completion of selected mitigation strategies will have a benefit of reducing insurance premiums in higher risk areas. A range of premium reductions from 5% to 45% could result from the Town implementing several of the hazard mitigation strategies.

Commission members reviewed the final list of mitigation strategies and assigned proposed completion dates to all items. Steve Kops recommended that the strategies spread sheet include another column for "ongoing". This will be added as the fourth column to the existing inventory.

Final List of Mitigation Strategies.

Hank Graver suggested that a Hazards Mitigation meeting be set up in March with First Selectman Joe Mazza to share the final Mitigation Strategy List and discuss the progress of the Commission in general. The suggestion was supported by the Commission members.

Other Business

Hank Graver distributed for the Commission information, some handouts and brochures regarding flood insurance claims and FEMA policies regarding insurance claims for disasters.

Adjournment

Motion: At 9:16 a motion was made by S. Kops to adjourn the meeting, seconded by A. Brown.

Vote: Carried –unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Dennis Johnson

