

Hazard Mitigation Commission
Town Hall
April 21, 2015
7:30 pm
Selectmen's Meeting Room,
Second Floor

Present Chair John Henningson, Vice Chair Hank Graver, Allyn Brown,
Town Health Director Dennis Johnson, Town Environmental Planner Kevin Magee

Absent Kirt Griffin, Rich Meier

Guests None

Call to Order/Determination of Quorum

At 7:35 pm, Chair John Henningson called to order the regular meeting, noting that all present were eligible to vote, He will contact the First Selectman regarding need for HazMC members and to view the the similarities of the HazMC Plan and Coastal Resilience Plan.

Public Forum

No one from the public was present.

Approval of March minutes

The March minutes did not have a quorum.

Approval of Bills and Vouchers

- **Clerk Invoice** Recording Secretary : January and March invoice.
- **Other** There were no other bills or vouchers.

Motion: Kevin Magee moved to pay the invoice, seconded by Allyn Brown.

Vote: Carried : Graver, Magee, Brown, Johnson

Status of Coastal Resilience Plan (CRP) (Planning and Zoning Commission/PZC)

Final Plan Revised and Approved by P&Z Draft completed – on Town Website / Documents

Next step is review by Board of Selectman(BOS)

The BOS will vote on the CRP. This plan will be re-evaluated approximately every ten years or sooner if necessary.

The HazMC Plan must be re-evaluated within the next two years. The Town must meet the FEMA funding criteria and timetable. The CRP expands the HazMC Plan including future development and assists residents in obtaining grants and water systems.

It was decided that HazMC members will review the HazMC Plan and invite and provide opportunities for local neighborhoods, associations, community organizations to contribute input to the Plan.

Discussion included :

- Two property owners have received FEMA grants to elevate there houses for flooding.
- The Town has approximately \$265,000 in bids for additional Town septic systems and more.
- Elevation requirements were reviewed.

Review Project Prioritization List from Hazard Mitigation

Status of Hazard Mitigation Projects

1. Old Quarry Rd : major portions are completed
2. Evacuation Signs : Signs have been posted
3. Chaffinch Island Rd : This project has not begun.
4. Rt. 77 & West River / Trib. Culverts : This project has not begun.
5. Long Hill Road @ Spinning Mill Brook : The Town is waiting for CT Dept. of Transportation approval. It is expected to begin next year.
6. Tree Trimming : West Lake Avenue, Route 77, Moose Hill Road and Peddlar's Road will be done this year.
7. Other :

Dennis Johnson advised that he has created an Emergency Preparedness brochure and will mail to all residents. He will add that HazMC requests community input to the HazMC Plan and education on evacuation.

Boston Terrace, senior housing, has a generator and evacuation plan. Guilford Court, senior/disabled housing, does not have a generator or plan yet the Town emergency services have a list of residents that use oxygen at home.

Discussion took place on expanding public safety by creating a town wide list of residents who have special medical and physical needs. Dennis will add a request for this information in the Emergency Preparedness brochure.

It is possible that the HazMC may be appointed as the CRP advisory commission to the PZC.

Old Business

Involvement of local Associations

Discussion concerned the need for additional HazMC members and volunteers. Chair Henningson will send a letter to local associations inviting them to review the CRP and HazMC and attend HazMC meetings.

Members reviewed the water main project in the area of associations at Indian Cove and Tuttle's Point. Installing a water main with hydrants would provide fire safety for homes. Residents of Indian Cove do not want Town water because they have good water quality.

Installation of Sea Level Gauge and Recorder

The Town Marina dredging operations have prevented the installation of an updated sea level gauge and recorder. Residents will be able to access information on water levels and flooding alerts by cell phones and computers. Kevin Magee will demonstrate this apparatus at a HazMC meeting. The data collected from the gauge will provide long term information for Town and state agencies. The \$8,000 to \$10,000 cost for annual maintenance is included in the Town budget. Chair Henningson has requested that the Board of Education include this data collection as a high school science project.

Commission Membership - Reviewed under Determination of Quorum and Involvement of local Associations.

New Business

There was no business.

Adjournment

Motion: At 8:24 pm, Dennis Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Kevin Magee.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

The next meeting will be held May 19, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

*Judith Anderson Castellano
Recording Secretary*