

Hazard Mitigation Committee
Minutes 15 March 2018 Meeting

Meeting convened - 6:30 p.m.

Present - Amos Meacham, Michael Billingsley, Dan Gadd, Sasha Thayer (ex officio), Bram Towbin

1. Bram summarises relationship between P.U.C., A.N.R. and F.E.R.C. regulatory authority (or lack thereof) with respect to Marshfield #6 dam. It was noted that the dam is not regulated very strictly and not at all by A.N.R. except where wildlife is impacted. Lots of skepticism.

Evaluation of the recent P.U.C. filing, and update of Town's involvement.

2. Bram moves to accept draft minutes as amended (amending date in last line, Hazardous plan meeting to 21st, not the "22nd"), Dan - seconds. Unanimous - no abstentions.

3-4 (combined). Bram asks about Hazard Mitigation Plan submission requirements - 2011 to 2017 is past.... + current mitigation efforts... + (the future) the prognosis of mitigation efforts and studies that will help alleviate hazard impacts.

Bram's narrative will name major storms, changes in weather and impact upon roadway safety and integrity, as well as costs. Patrick Martin will provide Hazmat narrative - response & evacuation plans (using LP gas tanker overturned at blinking light for example) as well as citizen protection/evacuation during floods, dam releases and storms; and will help document squad extra work during October wind storm event.

Dan will work on narrative re: household impact of flooding & significant 2001-2017 floods. Amos will assist with flu pandemic & epidemics, as well as mental health response (regional, local) in event of traumatic hazard events. Greg Chamberlin will be checked with about water treatment & sewage treatment during floods, dam releases and extended electric outages.

Sasha will provide legal framework and related legislative framework as well as the structure and ordering of the final document. Michael will provide narrative writing in a number of sections, as well as results of hazard priority rating poll from early 2017.

Emphasis in discussion upon likely more severe and long-lasting storms, likely electrical outages, higher personal & vulnerable population dependency upon electricity.

Public meeting will solicit comments, seek narratives and ask for recommendations. Michael moved, Bram seconded... all approved, no abstentions.

5. Announcements, new business - Amos, Michael & Justine Gadd will be meeting with Dr. John Matthew and Linda Bartlett of the Health Center on the afternoon of March 16 to ask help with pandemic section of new Hazard plan, as well as with respect to added sheltering and help with the town during disasters with a health impact.

Meeting adjourned 8:10 p.m.