

Hazard Mitigation Committee — Draft  
Town of Plainfield  
April 18, 2019

Attendees: Sasha Thayer (ex officio), Michael Billingsley (Secretary), Dan Gadd, Amos Meacham (Chair), Bram Towbin.

Amending of the Agenda to add recruitment of new committee members. Added as the 5th item before Other Business. Approved as proposed.

1. Minutes of March meeting Bram moves to accept as amended, Amos seconds, no objection — unanimous

2. Bridge Committee has met, and decided on VHB as the winning proposal. Amos reported why that would be the case. We discussed the impact upon adjoining land owners — and how each might respond. A recommendation was proposed to the Select Board about the RFP and follow up.

“Neither proposal addresses the impact on adjoining landowners — both in terms of the ultimate footprint of the bridge and intrusion upon adjoining properties, and Milone & MacBroom’s proposal stating the necessity to modify the stream bed.

We recommend that the Select Board anticipate and prepare for the impact upon right-of-way and property rights (and possible buyouts) and the legal and procedural costs involving homeowners which need to be addressed.

We also recommend that stream bed modification, and the cost of demolition and removal of the existing bridge, should to be considered by the chosen contractor. Any additional other potentially missing components in the RFP — for a bridge completed and from start to finish — should be brought into the contract. We propose that the bidding

engineering firm, on the basis of their expertise, identify anything that is missing from the RFP and which might lead to cost overruns”

Bram moves, Dan seconds — that this recommendation to the Select Board be approved. Unanimous approval.

3. Amos talked about planning of our June forum, and checked in with the Chief and the Select Board. The scope of the forum is now more local.

4. PUC is now dealing with ANR’s additional filings & requests for more information. This will delay the schedule & likely date of the Hearing until September.

Bram offers motion — supports a letter to GMP raising concerns about construction in the next season, prior to approval by the PUC. Moved by Bram, seconded by Dan, unanimous. Michael and Sasha will prepare this.

5. Sasha spoke to Serena Matt’s position about joining the committee at this time. Michael spoke about approaching Plainfield’s first responders (Fire, Rescue) about representation on the Committee. Amos will contact newly-elected Chief Greg Light about how accomplish this.

6. Other Business — Announcements of upcoming community events.

Adjourn at 7:45 pm