

Plainfield Hazard Mitigation Committee Minutes  
May 18, 2017

Present – Dan Gadd, Amos Meacham, Michael, Bram and Theresa

Meeting convened 6:20 p.m.

Discussion about community resilience in times of social hardship and chaos.

Approval to put a quick summary of April non-meeting on the website.

Set up for Know Your Brook at noon – Committee members will help with flume table, chairs, etc.

Also planning walk up Great Brook at 8:30 am on June 9th – a day earlier with Pam.

Bram summarises the buy-out of the Cameron Road property that is in danger of landslide.

The Committee went over and analysed Pam DeAndrea’s tentative list (first gathered from GPS data provided by Bram and George – and then updated with me) of priority hazard mitigation projects ahead for the Town.

The Cameron Rd. buyout and Recreation Field Road gully abatement are mostly funded, so they are moved down the priority list. Brook Rd. bridge remains at the top. McLaren Road farm property was discussed as a need, as well as Mill Street bridge, landslides adjacent to the first steep stretch of Brook Road up from the village, and possibly also access to Twinfield school over Naismith Brook Rd bridge.

Pam will go over the list as part of her brook “review” walk at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, June 9th.

Readings and discussion from Sebastian Junger’s book Tribe – about lack of supportive social structures in “normal” society – particularly important for cohesiveness and support during disasters (or war).

Informal discussion of joint EMD-Hazard Mitigation mail out (in September perhaps) and how to design it to accomplish household participation in family emergency planning and evacuation. Suggestions made... basic layout approved. Will put preliminary design in public view for response before actual printing.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.