

Hazard Mitigation Committee Meeting Minutes
June 21, 2018

Meeting called to order - 5:40 pm

Members present - Amos Meacham (Chair), Michael Billingsley (Secretary), Bram Towbin, Susan Grimaldi, Dan Gadd and Theresa Bienz. Public guest - John Lawrence.

1. Amendments (fix of typos) of May meeting Minutes were suggested and amended. Dan moves to pass the Minutes as amended. Seconded by Susan. Passed with one abstention (Theresa).

2. Brief report by Michael (with added comments relayed on from Bram) about the May 24th Marshfield #6 Dam Tabletop Exercise and Functional Exercise. Michael noted that he had provided a detailed written response, post-exercise, to Nick Comei the Kleinschmidt exercise facilitator, as requested.

Because there was no acknowledgement or reply to Michael's evaluation, and (as pointed out by Amos) because the exercise was conducted in part at the request of the Hazard Mitigation to GMP, Amos will write GMP to request a post-exercise report about strengths & weaknesses of the exercise.

3.. Update on GMP investigation and their Petition to the Public Utility Commission (PUC) for a Certificate of Public Good. Michael reported that the PUC made a preliminary ruling on its safety investigation, saying that because GMP will be filing a Petition for Certificate for Public Good on June 18 for their dam project, that would give an opportunity to review all the issues in detail.

As of 21 June GMP had not filed a Petition for a Certificate of Public Good. The Committee decided to push forward through Michael's continued representation.

Resolution: Amos moves, Dans seconds - "The Hazard Mitigation Committee moves to remain a Party in all ongoing Public Utility Commission actions which pertain to the Marshfield #6 Dam, and to be represented by Michael Billingsley or his designee as agent for the Committee." Passed unanimously.

4. Emergency Management Planning. The members discussed a recent proposal by Sasha Thayer to form a town committee to plan next steps for Emergency Management. She proposed Greg Chamberlin and Patrick Martin along with herself, as such a committee (without reference to Hazard Mitigation).

Resolution: Amos moves, Dan seconds - "The Plainfield Hazard Mitigation Committee and its predecessor Flood Advisory Committee have provided a public forum and a team by which pro-active research and recommendations are made to reduce residential and infrastructure harms from present and future hazards. We continue to contribute expertise and volunteer hours to assist the Town in evaluating related studies

and outcomes ie. the Milone & MacBroom Great Brook study.

For the reason, the Committee moves that we have ongoing and permanent presence through our own designated representatives in any decision-making body having to do with Emergency Management and disaster mitigation.” Amos and Michael both expressed interest in being on such a committee.

Passed unanimously, no abstentions.

5. Goals for the coming year. There are a number of items to consider and the committee chose to table this discussion until our next meeting in July.

Meeting adjourned 6:15 p.m.