

2012.02.20 Hazard Mitigation Committee

Minutes

Members present - Dan Gadd, Susan Grimaldi, Amos Meacham (Chair), Michael Billingsley (Secretary). Public guest - Alice Dworkin (and Rosa).

Called to order by Chair Amos Meacham at 7:05 p.m.

1. Susan moves to accept November 2019 Minutes, Amos seconds - passes unanimously
2. Motion to revise Agenda - moving the bridge report to earlier in the meeting Michael Moves, Dan 2nds - passes without objection.
3. Officers - Nominated and approved.
Alice Dworkin for Chair - Amos moves, Susan seconds - unanimously approved (pending her appointment by Select Board)
Michael Billingsley for Secretary - nominated by Susan, seconded by Dan - unanimously approved

Committee members consenting to continue into the 2020-2021 year are Michael, Bram, Dan, Susan (and Alice). Amos will be resigning as Chair and from the committee after Town Meeting. It is not clear if Sasha Thayer will represent the Town or whether another Select Board member will be the Ex Officio member to act as liaison with the committee. Sasha attended 3 meetings in 2019.

4. Bridge Replacement - Alice resolves to attend the VHB bridge presentation on 2/24. Bram and Michael will try to attend - ask details and review the proposal with the goal of making a committee recommendation. Hazard Mitigation Committee is prepared to call a special meeting (as we have in the past with engineers reports) to fully solicit public responses and questions about the VHB proposals and recommendations.

5 "Disaster Preparedness for Families with Special Needs" - forum. Late May forum with Enhanced 911, United Ways of Vermont (VT-211), Washington County Mental Health Disaster Response Team, Fire Chief Greg Light and a representative from an affected family. Amos will reserve Opera House for Saturday morning, May 23rd.

6 Other Business:. Discussion about concerns to resolve use of the Red Cross shelter in Plainfield, and whether Plainfield Emergency Management is preparing the shelter for public use - as funds were allocated for that, at the Town Meeting back in 2018.

Michael B. is still the Red Cross Interim Shelter Manager after Tim Phillips' resignation, but has no say or access to the town's budget allocation for supplies. Apparently the approved funds were never spent (by Sasha - Interim Emergency Management Director).

7. Public Utility Commission report from Michael. Sasha (with some help from Michael) filed a suggested Finding and Ruling, which she later updated and revised... with the Hearing Officer's apology and extension of date... after Michael determined that GMP received the Hearing transcript and all the other parties did not.

Subsequently the Hearing Officer released his Proposed Findings and Ruling in docket 18-2549-PET, and Plainfield has until 02/24/20 to request revisions. (Michael will do this.)

8. Adjourn at 9:15