

TOWN OF WEBSTER
HAZARD MITIGATION COMMITTEE
945 Battle Street
Webster NH 03303

Hazard Mitigation Committee Meeting – April 9, 2014

Members present: John Clark, Fire Chief Rob Wolinski and Judith Jones. Also present was former Hazard Mitigation 2012 Update Committee Member Sally Embley.

7:05 pm The Committee discussed the need to have more Department Heads either on the Committee or in attendance as many of the “Actions” listed in the 2012 Plan relate to Police, Fire, Highway and Environmental issues.

Mrs. Jones made a motion to appoint John Clark as Chairman of the Committee; seconded by Chief Wolinski and approved.

Following are the action items discussed from the adopted 2012 Plan:

- **Dry Hydrant behind school completed.**
- *Delete “Install Dry Hydrant at Pond on 1093 Long Street Property.”*
- Discuss at a later date to “Install Cistern at the Fire Station.”
- **Utility company tree trimming is constantly being implemented.**
- Repairs to the Allen Road Dry Hydrant soon.
- **Annual inspections for fire regulations compliance is done annually before opening in May at Cozy Pond Camping Resort and they are issued an annual Class I Permit for campfires.**
- **Life Safety Code Inspections for Building Permits are working well with Code Enforcement Officer Tom Baye.**
- Provide house calls to ensure public safety during storms – no update available from Mason Donovan.
- Utilize reverse 911 notifications to residents – no update available from Mason Donovan.
- Radon informational pamphlets – Mrs. Jones to check with EMS for any information or other sources.
- The “Smokey the Bear” sign will be done as soon as the senior student completes the sign. The posts are in.
- **The first “Rape Aggression Defense Program” was not mentioned at this meeting, but the first class has been completed through the Police Department.**
- Incident Command System training – this was discussed at the 10/28/13 Select Board Meeting. There were not enough participants signed up to conduct class at this time.
- Participate in NFI – Mrs. Jones watched two Webinars regarding this subject. Covered the entire country and didn’t find them very pertinent to a small rural town.
- Changed quarterly to annual disaster drills for departments as a more achievable goal.
- The ICS & NIMS certification of Emergency Personnel has not yet been done.
- Recommendation of Committee is to combine three actions into one: 1. Evacuation plan for multiple hazards; 2. List of residents in need of special assistance; and 3. Relocation plan for residents requiring services.
- **Develop School Evacuation Plan. Chief Wolinski advised that there is already a plan in place with Dispatch for mass casualties.**

Other items:

- Discussed budget items.
- Mr. Clark will call DOT regarding possible road improvement grants available.
- Mrs. Jones will call Jennifer Rocket, Franklin Falls Dam, to inquire about any information relative to the amount and frequency of water held back at the Blackwater Dam including during the Kayak Races.
- Chief Wolinski advised that there are EMS classes for the Fire Department Officers.
- Mr. Clark inquired about School Emergency Plans. Chief Wolinski received this plan and has distributed copies. Mr. Clark suggested that a practice for a crisis response incident be conducted, and recommended that this include the school.

The committee set the next committee meeting with the actual day to be determined for Wednesday, August 13 or 20, 2014 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall with the remaining meeting to be set at that time.

8:10 pm Chairman Clark made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Wolinski and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith M. Jones