

Hazard Mitigation Committee

Meeting Minutes

March 28, 2017

Present: John Clark, Chair, Leslie Palmer, Nanci Schofield, Ben Liberatore, Phil Mitchell, Emmett Bean

Chairman John Clark opened the meeting at 7:05 PM.

Administrative Assistant Leslie Palmer discussed the Hazard Mitigation Plan update required in 2017. Webster is expected to receive a FEMA Pre Disaster Mitigation grant to pay for the update. Stephanie Alexander from the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission will apply for grant funding on behalf of the Town and facilitate the update with the Hazard Mitigation Committee through a series of monthly meetings beginning in the summer of 2017 when funds will become available. The cost of the update is \$6,000 with the Town providing an in-kind match of 25%. Administrative Assistant Palmer submitted a "Contractor Commitment Letter" to the State of New Hampshire to begin the process.

The Committee reviewed several projects identified in the 2012 Hazard Mitigation Plan. Road projects already completed (Bashan Hollow Rd) as well as those that are ongoing (Clothespin Bridge) were discussed as well as preventative maintenance. Road Agent Emmett Bean indicated that he will be reviewing upcoming road projects with Selectman Borek next Monday evening.

The 2012 Plan also identified the installation of a repeater as a goal; Emergency Management Director Gary French purchased one last fall and money has been allocated in this year's budget for its installation.

Emergency services were discussed including the use of reverse 911.

Grant funding opportunities were also discussed. In addition to NH Department of Safety Grant money available for the purchase of highway safety equipment, there is an annual Assistance to Firefighters grant through the Department of Homeland Security that could be used for the purchase of portable radios.

Administrative Assistant Palmer will follow up with Committee members as to the next steps for the Hazard Mitigation Plan update once she has spoken with Stephanie Alexander.

At 7:45 PM, Chairman Clark made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Road Agent Bean. All in favor, the motion was approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leslie Palmer