

Floodplain Working Group Meeting –Tuesday, January 5, 2015 – 5:00 p.m.

**Steele Block 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Back Conference Area  
Minutes**

Attendees: Steve Lotspeich, Rebecca Ellis, Natalie Howell, Ryan Morrison, Gail Aloisio

1. Assign volunteer meeting chair –Ryan.
2. Agenda review/modification -- No changes.
3. Announcements – No announcements were made.
4. Review/approve December 1, 2015 Floodplain Working Group Meeting Minutes. Natalie moved to approve, Steve seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.
5. CRO Items: Irene Anniversary Leaflet, Updates
  - Steve Lotspeich and Ann Smith are meeting tomorrow and will be working on laying out the poster-panels
  - Rebecca will contact Roy Schiff with Milone & MacBroom to set up a video interview with him. Rebecca suggested that we go through the videos and take content from each story to illustrate a point the interviews demonstrated. Another video should be done with Chad Rich, the owner of the Prohibition Pig annex. Our goal is to have about five panels. The stories to illustrate different techniques that can be used for flood resiliency. Elevating utilities is another story that could be told. Skip and Kathy Flanders elevated their utilities after Tropical Storm Irene.
  - Steve will give Laura Parette a heads up about graphic layout for the panels.
  - The grand opening for the Municipal Center is scheduled for February 12th.
  - A panel or handout may be needed that gives instructions for how to set up smart phones to read the QR codes.
6. Draft Winooski and Tributaries River Corridor Plan and Presentation on November 9<sup>th</sup>.
  - Rebecca asked if her comment regarding creating wetlands in the state cornfield was added to the study.
7. HMGP Grants Update including Planning Grant
  - HMGP Planning Grant. Waterbury has received a planning grant to update its hazard mitigation plan. The Town will be contracting with CVRPC to carry out the update. The FMWG went through the list of action steps in the Plan within the last year. Steve will talk to Zoe Gordon regarding where the revised list is available. The revised list will be given to CVRPC. Gail will be working with Dan at CVRPC on the update. A local stakeholder group will be consulted as part of writing the update. Rebecca suggested that we could take on projects in the dairy farms in Waterbury to lessen the impacts on the streams that cross through the cattle pastures and hayfields. This might be funded with a grant from NRCS or through the state's Clean

Water Act programs. This type of project may not qualify as addressing a current hazard so it may not qualify for inclusion in the update to the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

- A CDBG-Disaster Recovery Planning Grant of \$53,300 has been granted by ACCD to support the planning elements requested by the Division for Historic Preservation in advance of signing off on the HMGP Elevation Grant for the 8 historic properties on Randall, Elm and Union Streets. The conditions are being addressed so the Grant Agreement can be offered and executed. A Request for Proposals will be prepared and advertised early next year to solicit and hire a consultant team including an archaeologist, historic preservation specialist, and architect.
8. HMGP Floodplain Restoration Project.
    - The CVRPC is no longer managing the project. It is now being handled by the state DEMES. Lauren Oates is now overseeing the project for the state and can give us periodic updates in the future.
  9. Update re. Draft Flood Hazard Area Regulations
    - The Planning Commission approved their draft of the Flood Hazard Area Regulations. The next step is for the Select Board and Trustees to set a date and warn a joint public hearing on the amendments. Barre City and Town are establishing two feet above the base flood elevation as their standard for elevating the lowest floor of buildings.
  10. Update re. CRS
    - Ryan reported that the final application for CRS has been submitted and we are waiting for Gene Coles from the Insurance Service Organization to do our rating and notify us.
  11. Set date and time for next meeting
    - ~~Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at 5:00 PM. Canceled.~~