

**Floodplain Management Working Group Meeting
Steele Community Room, 28 North Main Street
April 25, 2016 Minutes**

Present: Steve Lotspeich, Ann Smith, Rebecca Pfeiffer, Barb Farr

1. Steve volunteered to chair the meeting and Barb will be taking notes.
2. Agenda review/modification – no changes.
3. Announcements – Steve reported a CRS rating of 9 from FEMA and will report out later on agenda.
4. Review/approve March 21, 2016 Floodplain Working Group Meeting Minutes: Ann motioned to accept the minutes as presented and Rebecca seconded. All approved.
5. CRO Items: Steve reported that there is a Resilient Vermont conference on May 20-22 at Norwich co-sponsored with CROs. It should include a good cross-representation of the CRO communities and be “hands-on” focused.
6. Mid-Winooski and Tributaries River Corridor Plan: The plan is completed and is located on the Waterbury website. River Corridor mapping can be requested through the state and will be done by the CVRPC through an Ecosystem Restoration grant. Steve will be working with Gretchen Alexander and Dan Currier on special area amendments including the designated downtown. There will be a new comprehensive rewrite of the Waterbury Zoning Regulations that could accommodate the River Corridor regulations. It will also include the upper tributaries to Thatcher Brook. Ann and Steve will coordinate on project development.
7. Waterbury HMGP Updates
 - a. Review 2014 projects from the Waterbury Hazard Mitigation Plan: The 2014 list of updated projects were reviewed and updated by the group. It will go out to all members of the FMWG, the Waterbury Planning Commission, and local officials for their review and input. Barb will be working on updating the original 2012 Waterbury All Hazards Plan under the HMGP Planning Grant and is targeting a draft by December 2016 followed by DEHMS review and FEMA approval in 2017.
 - b. Home Elevation – Healy Court: This project is ready to go towards construction hopefully this month. A contract is being finalized with the hope of approval on May 16th. Elevation and related construction will take approximately 8-12 weeks.
 - c. Architectural renderings/analysis for historic properties to be elevated: 6 proposals were received in response to the RFP for the Randall and Elm Street historic properties. Interviews with the top 4 architectural firms will take place on 5/11 with a decision on a selection hopefully approved by the Waterbury Select Board on 5/16.

8. HMGP Floodplain Restoration Project: This is still in the state's leadership role. No progress has been made as of this date.
9. Draft Flood Hazard Area Regulations: After a lengthy review and comment process, the new regulations are hoped to be approved on 4/25. Update following this meeting – A decision was made to make a few modifications and rewarn the approval and adoption for May 16, 2016.
10. CRS: Steve reported that FEMA has awarded both the town and village of Waterbury a rating of 9 although the goal of the village was to receive a rating of 8. It will be effective as of October 2016. This means that homeowners in the NFIP Flood Insurance Program will be eligible for a 5% reduction in flood insurance rates. If and when conditions warrant a change for an improved rating, the town can reapply to the program.
11. Set date and time for next meeting: June 6, 9:30am. Steele Community Room.

Topic for future meeting: NFIP checklist for public outreach credit for CRS.