

Floodplain Management Working Group Meeting
Steele Community Room, 28 North Main Street
August 2, 2016 Draft Minutes

Present: Steve Lotspeich, Barb Farr, Dina Bookmyer-Baker, Natalie Sherman, Dan Currier, Rebecca Pfeiffer

1. Introductions.
2. Dan volunteered to chair the meeting and Steve took the minutes.
3. Agenda review/modification – Dan C. requested that the group discuss River Corridor Zones and Ordinances as the last discussion item.
4. Announcements – No announcements were made.
5. Minutes – Barb moved to approve the minutes as amended from July 11, 2016. Natalie seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Update on August 1 Presentation on Home Elevation Pilot Project to Village Trustees and Town Select Board - The Preservation Consultant Ann Cousins and the architect Steve Roy presented the history of the Randall St. neighborhood and the schematic plans for elevating the eight historic houses. Jamie Duggan with the state Div. for Historic Preservation also attended. A prior meeting with Rob Evans and some of the homeowners focused on the reduction in flood insurance premiums that will result from elevating a house, filling the basement, and creating a vented crawl space. One challenge is re-establishing handicap access when a ramp is needed and has to be extended a significant distance. The Healy Ct. project was discussed and the various challenges working with FEMA on the issues of environmental clearance for archaeology and approval for a cost overrun. One issue with elevating the additional eight historic homes is that additional cost may increase the average cost to more than \$175,000 per elevation which is the limit for the exemption from having to do a benefit cost analysis.
7. Review projects for the Waterbury Hazard Mitigation Plan Update – Barb discussed the latest draft of the project list that is in tracked changes. Natalie suggested that the group prioritize the list with the top five priority projects grouped at the beginning. The other projects will be grouped by topic such as planning/regulation, floodplain management, emergency management, and mitigation projects. Natalie will provide updated language for 51 South Main St. – the former Municipal Office Building. Funding for tying down fuel tanks was discussed and Rebecca Ellis may have information on ANR funds related to mitigated fuel spills that might be available for tying down the fuel tanks. Promoting the installation of check valves in the sanitary sewer service lines was also discussed. An item will be added for transportation related facilities such as culverts, bridges, intersections that need to be replaced or upgraded for safety and emergency preparedness. The goal is to have a final revised Hazard Mitigation Plan

completed and approved locally by the end of 2016 or early 2017. Then it will go to FEMA for their approval in 2017.

8. Review and edit draft of 5th Anniversary of Tropical Storm Irene report for publication and website – It was decided to use the complete update for our website then write an article for the Waterbury Record that will highlight the key projects such as the completion of the Waterbury Municipal Center, enrollment in the Community Rating System (CRS), establishment of the Economic Development Director position. Barb and Steve will take care of writing the article that will be in the Waterbury Record that will be published on August 25th.
9. Establishing River Corridor Zones and Ordinances – The Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC) has a project they are working on with the state ANR Dept. of Environmental Conservation to work with Waterbury to develop a process and methodology for refining and correcting maps of River Corridors. The project will happen this fall and would involve the Floodplain Management Working Group and the Planning Commission. Gretchen Alexander, Rebecca Pfeiffer, and Dan Currier will be the key staff people piloting the project. This project is grant funded and will wrap up by July, 2017. The project will create refined River Corridor maps for Waterbury. Gretchen will take the data from the Mid-Winooski River Corridor Plan and refine the state's River Corridor mapping for Waterbury. Then the Floodplain Management Working Group will examine the built areas in the floodplain and decide which areas that are already developed should be taken out of the mapped River Corridor. Revitalizing Waterbury could be involved in this step in the process. Then a draft River Corridor map will be produced and brought to the FMWG and the Waterbury Planning Commission for input.
10. Set date and time for next meeting: Tuesday, September 20th, 9:30am, Steele Community Room. Agenda items will include review of draft River Corridor mapping.