

**Floodplain Management Working Group Meeting
Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at 9:30am
Steele Community Room, 28 North Main Street
Meeting Minutes**

9:30 Regular Business

1. Assign volunteer meeting chair. Natalie Howell will chair, Rebecca Ellis will take minutes.
2. Agenda review/modification. Steve moved to approve the agenda, Dan Currier seconded, the motion passed.
3. Announcements. None.
4. Review/approve August 2, 2016 Floodplain Working Group Meeting Minutes (handout). Dan Moved to approve the minutes, Rebecca Pfeiffer seconded, the motion passed unanimously.
 - a. The group discussed the use of “supplemental environmental projects” as a way of funding tie-down of fuel tanks.
5. Review of 5 Year Irene Anniversary
 - a. Waterbury Record ran a picture of the 5-Year Irene Anniversary event, with 50 people in front of a banner saying “thank you volunteers.” Roy Schiff and Jessica Lyons wrote an article, “Be thankful for floodplains”, that ran in several papers and was picked up nationally.
6. Update on Hazard Mitigation Projects
 - a. Hazard Mitigation Plan
 - i. Natalie – will provide information on 51 South Main Street property. Waiting for report from Stantec on parking needs in the village. The trustees will likely make a decision in November.
 - ii. Barb – will reorganize the list of projects so that like items are grouped together.
 - b. Elevation Projects
 - i. Healy Court - There was not enough money to complete the project as designed due to cost overruns. In August, the town requested additional money from FEMA, based on the 75/25 cost share, but haven’t received a

response. The work includes adding fill from off-site to protect the house from normal rainfall. There is a dispute over using fill from off-site. The owners have been living in the 2nd floor of the garage since June. It is urgent that the work be completed.

- ii. Section 106 (historic) and ARA (archaeological) review. The work at Healy Court was delayed, in part, because FEMA's initial assessment prohibited work beyond 2-feet of the foundation. FEMA now allows work within 50-feet of the foundation. However, the state requires the town to conduct a historic and archaeological review for the full 50-foot perimeter. For Randall Street and Healy Court, the state is not requiring archaeological pits within 50-feet, but instead is requiring archaeological pits near the river. The Town received a \$50,000 grant to conduct historic and archaeological review, and the state concurred with the town's plan. The town will need to hire a consultant to dig test pits near the river for archaeological review.
- iii. Seven homes remaining. One homeowner pulled out of the elevation project; seven homes remain. Town is reevaluating costs to make sure estimates are accurate.

c. Floodplain restoration

- i. In 2012, the Town engaged Milone & MacBroom to conduct a study of the Winooski River "choke point." The project has been delayed because the owners of the property responsible for the "choke point" have not been interested in moving forward with the project. VT-DEMHS will need to reevaluate next steps with Milone & MacBroom to conduct additional engineering work.
- ii. The Milone & MacBroom study recommended work on the BGS property next to the State Office Complex. When BGS reconstructed the State Office Complex, BGS found contaminated soils, and decided not to implement the full scope of the Milone & MacBroom study. It might be advisable to revisit the work proposed by M&M at the State Office Complex.

7. Date and time for next meeting: Friday, October 28 at 9:30 AM.

10:30 – Special Presentation

River Corridor Management Update – Dan/Gretchen

- a. Expectations
- b. Methodology
- c. Community Involvement
- d. Growth and development options