

Floodplain Management Working Group Meeting
Monday, February 27, 2017 at 5:00pm
Steele Community Room, 28 North Main Street
Draft Meeting Minutes

5:00pm Regular Business

In Attendance: Barb Farr, Dina Bookmyer-Baker, Steve Lotspeich, Dan Currier, Laura Ranker, Bill Shepeluk, Rebecca Pfeiffer (by phone)

- 1) Assign volunteer meeting chair. Dina Bookmyer-Baker, chair; Steve Lotspeich, minute taker.
- 2) Agenda review/modification. An update for the Floodplain Reconnection project was added to the agenda as item 5(c).
- 3) Announcements/Introductions - No announcements or introductions were made.
- 4) Review/approve January 23, 2016 Floodplain Working Group Meeting Minutes. Barb moved and Dina seconded the motion to accept the minutes. The motion passed with all voting in favor except Rebecca Pfeiffer who abstained.
- 5) Update on Hazard Mitigation Projects:
 - a) Barb has updated the survey that will be circulated at Town meeting and will be available on-line as well with access on our municipal website. Bill suggested that the survey be made available to Duxbury residents at their Town Meeting. Barb will circulate the survey to Duxbury's emergency management contact.
 - b) Elevation Projects update: Regarding the Healy Ct. project, the Town received a final determination from FEMA regarding the cost overrun. The total was about \$3,000 less than requested due to a portion of the new insulation not being funded by FEMA. Regarding the CDBG grant funded planning project for the remaining four houses, a local contractor, Steve James, has been hired to prepare construction cost estimates for all four houses. The estimates will be done by the end of March. The average cost is likely to be greater than \$175,000 necessitating a benefit cost analysis if they move forward.
 - c) Update regarding Floodplain Reconnection Project: The Duxbury landowner that was approached regarding having a portion of this project implemented on their property is definitely not interested in participating. Other aspects of the project that would take place on state land are still being pursued.

d) Dan gave an update on the status of the guidance for the River Corridor mapping pilot project being done by CVRPC. Dan showed examples of the draft river corridor mapping and discussed the kinds of areas that can be removed including roads, railroads, and existing developed areas. An option to removing an area is to show it as an overlay that is a high risk area. Another option is to remove an area from one side of the valley and add an equal area to the mapped River Corridor area on the opposite side of the river valley. River Corridors can be addressed through locally adopted regulations and/or Act 250 when areas are under Act 250 jurisdiction. The state will revise their River Corridor maps if the local municipality adopts a revised set of maps, then the revisions are approved by the state after a 30-day comment period. The higher risk areas that are removed from the mapped river corridor or are placed in an overlay, can have regulations that apply when infill or other re-development occurs. Areas that are critical facilities, such as the wastewater treatment plant and the main pump station, should be removed from the draft River Corridor. Corrections will also be made to define where the actual valley wall exists. There can be exceptions made for development such as pedestrian bridges and boardwalks that can be allowed in the mapped River Corridor. There is also a site by site process where individual properties could be removed on a case by case basis. Guidance on that process is also being developed. The state River Corridor mapping is on rivers and tributaries with a watershed greater than two square miles. The LiDAR data for Waterbury has been processed and detailed contour mapping is now available that can inform decisions about how to adjust the River Corridor limits. The next steps will be for CVRPC to make adjustments to the mapping and have the Waterbury Planning Commission review the mapping and the options for future regulations. This process with the Planning Commission could happen in April.

6) Date and time for next meeting: The next meeting will be on Monday 3/20 at 10:00am in the Steele Community Room if available.