

Floodplain Management Working Group Meeting
Monday, May 9, 2017 at 10:00am
Steele Community Room, 28 North Main Street
Meeting Minutes

10:00am Regular Business

In Attendance: Barb Farr, Steve Lotspeich, Dina Bookmyer-Baker, Rebecca Ellis, Natalie Sherman

- 1) Assign volunteer meeting chair. Natalie Sherman, chair; Steve Lotspeich, minute taker.
- 2) Agenda review/modification. The updated agenda was noted.
- 3) Announcements/Introductions - None were made.
- 4) Review/approve the March 27, 2016 Floodplain Working Group Meeting Minutes.
Regarding the delivery of the plaque for CRS membership, Barb will follow up with Rebecca Pfeiffer to find out if the plaque was delivered by FEMA. The discrepancy on the survey results for the Hazard Mitigation Plan regarding flood insurance was noted. Barb will follow up on both of these items. Barb moved and Dina seconded the motion to accept the minutes with the correction of the day of the week to Tuesday. The motion passed with all voting in favor.
- 5) Update on Hazard Mitigation Projects:
 - a) The results of the survey that was circulated at Town meeting were discussed. Natalie presented a summary of the response to Question 5, "In your opinion, what is the most important to protect against potential hazards". Loss of life / injury was the top ranked item with 93% ranking it as the top priority. Protection of wildlife was the lowest ranked item. The compilation of the responses to various questions that Barb generated from Survey Monkey was discussed. Rebecca presented her summary of the responses to Question #8, the "activities that can reduce your community's risk from natural and man-made disasters...." Disclosure of hazardous risks during real estate transactions was the most agreed on / highest supported item, and using tax dollars to compensate landowners.... was the most disagreed / least supported item. Barb discussed the responses to Question #7, "Can you prioritize the items/projects below...." The items were taken directly from the draft Hazard Mitigation Plan. The project ranking from the survey results was noted as listed in the draft Hazard Mitigation Plan. The importance of the 51 S. Main St., former Municipal Building was discussed. It was a

low priority in the survey results. I may still be a priority for the Village of Waterbury but may have less importance as a mitigation project since the re-development of the site will be handled in the future by the private sector.

- b) Elevation Projects update: The Healy Ct. project is complete and an after action meeting with the state DEMHS and FEMA staff was held. The revised cost estimates for the four remaining home elevations were received from Steve James. The costs all exceeded \$175,000 so Lauren Oates volunteered to do a benefit cost analysis for the Drake's house. The result of the analysis was more than "1" for a number of versions of the analysis. It was then assumed, based on the cost estimates, that all four elevation projects would exceed a benefit cost of "1". All four property owners have now decided to withdraw from the home elevation project. Barb gave brief summary on the 5 Healy Ct. project. We are still waiting to find out what the reduction in flood insurance will be. This is one of the major long term benefits of doing a home elevation.
- 6) The Mad River Valley Area Flood Study being done by CVRPC was discussed. CVRPC is preparing enlargements of the areas along the Winooski River including the area in the Village of Waterbury and the area in the vicinity of the Cider House Restaurant on U.S. Route 2. This project will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.
- 7) Date and time for next meeting: The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 6/13 at 10:00am in the Steele Community Room if available.