

PLAINFIELD FLOOD RECOVERY GRANTS WORK GROUP
Tuesday, September 24, 2024 @ 10 a.m.

Attending:

Karen Hatcher (KH)
Michael Zahner (MZ)
Gary Smith (GS) not available
Josh Pitts (JP)
Karl Bissex (KB)
Michael Billingsley (MB)
Denise Wheeler (DW)
Arion Thiboumery (AT) via Zoom

**Review/final edits for Tuesday, Sept. 24 Public Information Meeting
Flood Recovery (Session 2)**

- 1) MZ reviewed the power point presentation
The goal is information and leaving the public with a feeling of hope and positive energy
- 2) Delete slide #5
- 3) Slide #6 – needs pictures before wording – MB has lots of pictures – removal of Brook St. Bridge is mitigation
- 4) Let public know that the HMPG has been submitted – this is the first step – next step is for FEMA to invite a formal submission
- 5) Remove slide #8
- 6) Slide #11 before slide #6
- 7) Slide #12 – MB has aerial photos
- 8) Move slide #17 to grant issues
 - a. Explain meaning of Hazard Mitigation
 - b. \$\$ available
 - c. Plainfield immediately hopped on opportunities
 - d. Elements of bridges and plans
 - e. Next Steps
- 9) AT reviewed his presentation
 - a. Maps of downtown w/ houses for buyout circled
 - b. Goal of Village project – to expand the village – 30 lots w/ infrastructure – start date for infrastructure 2025 – lots available 2026
 - c. Project will be cost neutral
 - d. Public process
 - e. Timeline

- 10) KH – introduce working group (KH has a written presentation)
 - a. Goals
 - b. Short term (FEMA) – hire disaster recovery consultant to inventory data
 - c. Long term master plan
 - d. Complexity of funding (FEMA, HUD, USDA, etc.)
 - e. available state funding
 - f. Non-profit organizations
 - g. Accomplishments so far
- 11) KB will review the special meeting agenda with the meeting participants at the beginning of the meeting

EWP application/edits and plan for special Selectboard meeting for approval to submit

- 1) How much detail needs to be in the application?
- 2) The Town and at least one resident need to be on the initial submittal (project example Charlie Cogbill at 203 Martin Mead Rd.) – others can be added later
- 3) This opens up opportunities to receive funding for repairs and mitigation
- 4) Include aerial photos
- 5) KH to ask George Springsten (sp?) to assist as a technical consultant
- 6) KH and KB to finalize letter for Selectboard approval prior to submission

Action Steps

1. MZ to check on OML re: warning these meetings
2. EWP letter deadline Monday, Sept. 30 (Emergency Watershed Protection)
3. Schedule for monthly public informational meetings
4. AT develop Village Extension project timeline
5. MB to send MZ photos to use in power point presentation

Next meeting is Tuesday, October 1 at 10 am. – w/ Feds re: Great Brook Rd. application

GS back from vacation Friday, 9/27.

KH unavailable 9/25 to 10/11

AT gone first 2 weeks Oct.

Mission Statement: Identify, explore and secure resources for flood recovery – no dollar left behind.