

Hazard Mitigation Committee Meeting Minutes  
May 17, 2018

Meeting called to order – 6:15

Members present – Amos Meacham (Chair), Michael Billingsley (Secretary), Bram Towbin, Susan Grimaldi, Dan Gadd and Sasha Thayer (ex officio).

1. Amendments of April meeting(s) Minutes were suggested, including correcting/reversing the dates of the two meetings (May 15 was regular meeting, May 21 was special meeting) plus correction of typos including two “don’t”s in the first sentence in item 3. Minutes approved as amended, no abstentions.

2. Marshfield dam discussion – PUC is moving toward evaluating a Certificate of Public Good request from GMP, (due June 18) and their tabletop exercise is now part of the PUC record. So Michael will file his letter re the exercise. Sasha, Bram, maybe Amos, maybe Susan and Michael will attend the GMP Marshfield dam tabletop exercise on the 24th.

3. Hazard Mitigation documents and archives – Sasha has all minutes from 2016 on, are now on the Town website. Sasha asserts that no archival stuff will be taken off the committee’s website. Michael will send Sasha the link to the Committee’s audio recordings on SoundCloud again.

Bram makes motion – Committee supports the idea that Michael be able to post directly to the Town’s website – seconded by Dan. Ayes carried with no abstentions. (We will all think about what classes of documents are accessible to the town website.)

4. Emergency Management decision – Sasha has been appointed Interim Emergency Management Director and will sit down with Michael to evaluate what has been accomplished and to learn about the volunteer structure and the network already in place. That network with working relationships & protocols involves state Emergency Management and county Regional Planning as well as adjoining towns, and Plainfield’s own volunteers and informed residents.

New Business – Bram raises ANR water quality reporting and documentation issues, and suggests that the townspeople to be aware of changes underway, and questions raised. He would like the Hazard Mitigation page to bring these issues to the public’s attention. Michael moves and Susan seconds that the town’s Hazard page be used to provide this info to the townspeople. Moved and passed without abstentions.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05