

20 September 2018
Plainfield Hazard Mitigation Committee

Present - Amos Meacham (Chair), Dan Gadd, Bram Towbin, Susan Grimaldi, Sasha Thayer, Michael Billingsley (Secretary). Public visitor - George Springston.

Meeting Called to Order 6:10 p.m.

1. Minutes - Susan moves to approve, Bram seconds - all in favor - Dan abstains.

2. Amendment to the Agenda - Add Amendment Agenda - Add Old Home Days, new Gully (Bram) and Drone survey of railroad bed

3. Old Home Days - Sasha provided screen room and Michael provided educational materials. Public participated, John Lawrence helped in the parade. The where-is-your-shelter sign in parade was well received.

4. Bram - Rail bed erosion is getting attention.

- Mel Chase's house has huge gully developing, inspected by Bram and by George. 85' drop about 20' behind house... increasingly deepened and a storm hazard. Dan noted that most of the new damage seems to have occurred after 2011.

Other gullies are adjacent to Fowler Road and also at the base of Mskaskek Brook. Patrick Ross has inspected the Fowler Road gully, and George has visited the Mskaskek brook erosion.

- Assessment of rail bed erosion toward Rec Field Road. The Air Shark inspecting quad-copter and hex-copter hired to do the overflight did a very thorough job - now on plainfield hazards website (<https://plainfieldvt.wordpress.com/2018/09/20/rec-road-aerial-survey/>). Stone Environmental is the contractor to Friends of the Winooski. George will be volunteering some geologic assessment of the gullies. Coordinate with Pam to store the data at CVRPC.

Bram makes motion, Michael seconds that the Hazard mitigation committee supports and will assist as needed the Friends of the Winooski in the rail bed gully mitigation efforts.

5. Discussion of public forum at our October meeting - Julie Moore is head of ANR (was with Stone Environmental). Gabe is an expert in culvert stuff.

The discussion actively involved whether Milone and MacBroom can release or be hire to use their modeling data to model such an actual culvert in place. Susan asks about stream flow, will it divert water at her foundation. George and Michael indicated that a flow analysis will make additional changes to the design as a computer model, and suggest working alternatives.

Sasha suggests that the committee make a recommendation to the Select Board. Motion - The Hazard Mitigation Committee recommends to the Select Board... Michael suggests that such a motion could come out of the October public meeting. Discussion concurs that federal money is not likely to be forthcoming given the hurricanes, forest fires and other storms of the past year and this year.

The Hazard Mitigation Committee will call a public meeting to (a) get public input on the range of options which can be studied for a bridge design, (b) whether a debris catcher upstream of the village could effectively reduce damage to the downstream bridges,. Passed by full affirmation, no abstentions.

At the end of this meeting the committee will make recommendations to the Select Board. Thursday the 18th at 7:00. Michael moves, Bram seconds -

6. P.U.C. case. Michael and Sasha gave a report and discussed some of the interrogatories. Sasha discussed her correspondence with Jason Lisai.

7. Michael observes that a Presidential Alert test for a national emergency is scheduled for October 7th.

Meeting adjourned 8:40