



TOWN OF TOWNSHEND
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Hazard Mitigation Plan Meeting
May 8, 2024
Minutes Approved: 5/14/24

Present: Allie Evans, Nick Suarez, Kate Jansak-Alley, Alyssa Sabetto – WRC, Brian Schmidt – TFD, Eric Wilson – Rescue Inc, Jorda Daigneault – Leland & Gray, Crystal Durocher – Grace Cottage, John Evans, Bob Desiervo, and Rick Matchke for the Planning Commission.

N. Suarez opens the meeting at 6:04pm and give informational opening remarks.

Alyssa Sabetto introduces the Discussion on;

1. The definition of Mitigation: Any sustained action taken to reduce likelihood of damage to people and property from disasters. Mitigation is a type of action – not an event. The purpose is look ahead and make a plan to avert possible damage.
2. Reason for Hazard Mitigation Plan and an update to the plan: having HMP will ensure funding from FEMA and the State of Vermont Emergency Relief Assistance Fund (ERAF).
3. Sabetto leads a discussion on ranking the most vulnerable population and assets.
4. Discussion on the survey responses regarding hazard concerns.

Next Steps:

1. Sabetto will send hazard ranking response graph.
2. Sabetto will provide the informational powerpoint to Townshend.
3. Townshend will get the last two HMP's to use as reference.
4. Townshend will obtain a VTrans Map.
5. Sabetto will provide Townshend a copy of the Dummerston HMP to use as reference.
6. Residents will send pictures of hazards or damages from hazards (flooding, invasive species, wind etc.).
7. Schedule the second informational meeting. Possible date of July 10, 2024.

Meeting ends at 7:40pm.