

Town of Sunderland Hazard Mitigation Meeting

Monday October 26, 2020 6:00 PM

Town Office Building 104 Mountain View Road Sunderland, VT

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order-Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by Jon French.
2. Introduction of Board Members and speakers-Board members present, Jon French, Dixie Zens (arrived late), Andrew McKeever, Bruce Mattison and Rick Timmerman. Also present Michael Batchner-BCRC and Kevin Hewes. Meeting was video recorded by GNAT.
3. Jon French was appointed as Chair for the meeting and Rick Timmerman was appointed Secretary.
4. Michael Batchner of the BCRC presented a draft version of the new Hazard Mitigation Plan. He is looking for local feedback as far as what kinds of events affected Sunderland-flooding, wind storms etc.. He suggested a public outreach plan using the town's webpage and Front Porch Forum to obtain local input from residents, businesses and institutions in the town. A sample version of a Survey Monkey from Dorset was discussed and the board agreed to have Michael tailor a similar survey for Sunderland so that it can be accessed on the town's webpage and possibly Front Porch Forum.
5. Michael indicated that the draft plan presented to the board has provided the data on many types of events that happened in Sunderland. The board now needs to focus on the natural hazards sighted in the plan and rate their potential impacts so that mitigation plans can be developed.
6. The draft plan also listed numerous mitigation projects from the current 2014 Hazard Mitigation Plan that need to be updated by the board.
7. The board agreed to work on obtaining local input on the hazards and completing the rating and updating the mitigation projects before the next meeting.
8. Next meeting is Monday November 9, 2020 at 6:00pm at the town hall.
9. Meeting adjourned at 6:57pm.