

**Chittenden County All-Hazards Mitigation Plan Review/Update Committee Meeting**  
**DRAFT MINUTES**

Date: **Wednesday, September 9, 2015**  
Time: **3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**  
Location: **Main Conference Room, CCRPC Offices, Winooski**

**Attendees:** Dan Albrecht (CCRPC), Regina Mahony (CCRPC), Lee Krohn (CCRPC), Emily Nosse-Leirer (CCRPC), Jeannine McCrumb (Charlotte), Sarah Hadd (Colchester), Karen Purinton (Colchester), Barbara Young (St. George), Paul Conner (So. Burlington), Melissa Manka (Westford), Ken Belliveau (Williston), Dave Bergeron (Winooski), Staci Pomeroy (ANR), Holly Dominie (FEMA Region One)

1. **Call to Order, Introductions and Changes to the Agenda**
2. **Public comments on items not on the Agenda** – No one from the public was in attendance.
3. **Review and Action on Minutes of May 13, 2015** – Sarah Hadd made a motion, seconded by Dave Bergeron to approve the May 13, 2015 minutes. No discussion. MOTION PASSED.
4. **Review Hazard Identification List**

Dan Albrecht reviewed the proposed list of changes to the Hazards. The All-Hazards Mitigation Plan Review/Update Committee (AHMP Committee) discussed and decided on the following amendments as described here:

- There was consensus to remove Landslides/Rockslides, however Staci Pomeroy suggested that this should be discussed under FEH because we do experience land and rock slides.
- There was a discussion to change the title of Severe Thunderstorm to reflect that this is not the same time as a winter storm. While there was no consensus, options were discussed: Severe Summer Storm/Severe Weather Storm/Significant Rain Event.
- There was a discussion about whether Wildfire should stay. Dave Bergeron felt that forest management plans call for leaving a lot of materials in our forests and it is really dry right now, so wildfires are a real possibility. There was consensus to leave this in and evaluate it.
- Discussion regarding Dam Failure – we don't have any high risk dams (so isn't this likely to be a high risk); same thought for Rock Cuts.
- Paul Conner suggested that invasive species be expanded to include diseases as we do have some tree diseases that we are contending with.
- There was a discussion about drought – this should not be identified under extreme temperature since it is more precipitation related and the issue really is more about ground water loss (could also be a problem for fire pond loss). There was consensus to include this under "Loss of Water Service" but re-title to be more general since it isn't always "Service". In addition, there was consensus to move radiological under the Water hazard. Discussion that a number of hazards should be consolidated under the category of Water: algal blooms, etc.
- There was a discussion regarding a new category of Loss of Other Fuels and Pollution. There was consensus to add these.
- There was consensus to consolidate high winds and lightning with severe storm (or similar title to be determined).
- There was consensus to consolidate Military Ordinance Incident into Haz Mat.

- There was a discussion about Crime, and whether it should be more specifically described as an Opiate issue. Suggestion to keep Crime as the broad category and then maybe add some language about opiate addiction being a medical problem and not a crime.

Melissa Manka had a question about whether these changes will be made in the local Annex as well. Dan Albrecht indicated that these changes will be made at the local level accordingly, unless a municipality would like to keep a particular hazard.

## 5. Review Key Hazards Risk Estimation Scoring Matrices

The AHMP Committee reviewed the scoring matrices. Holly Dominie suggested to think about your vulnerability when assessing a score from a mitigation perspective, not necessarily preparedness. The All-Hazards Mitigation Plan Review/Update Committee (AHMP Committee) discussed and decided on the following amendments as described here:

- For Natural Hazards: change the Environmental Damage score from zero to 1 for both Severe Storm and Extreme Temperature. There was some discussion regarding the social equity component of extreme temperatures considering heating and cooling is very expensive and sometimes not an option for lower income populations. Ultimately the Committee decided to keep it as is, as it is scoring pretty high already in comparison to other risks.
- For Technological Hazards: There was some discussion about septic loss over winter in extreme cold temps. Some Water Service Loss scores were discussed now that we are looking at that category more broadly. change Probability of sewer service loss to 4 (from 5) and for both Pollution and Water Service change the Property Damage score to 1 (from 0)
- For Societal Hazards: the Health & Safety Consequences were changed to 2 for Crime and Civil Disturbances (from 1) and to 3 for Terrorism (from 1); and for both Economic Recession and Key Employer Loss to 1 (from zero). For the Property Damage score, changes were made in the Crime category to 1 (from zero) and for Terrorism to 3 (from 1).

The Committee reviewed the overall comparison of scores and there was consensus on the final scoring.

## 6. Review Mitigation Strategies

Dan Albrecht described FEMA's feedback on mitigation strategies v. preparedness strategies. There was some discussion regarding preparedness and whether there is some use in including it as well, just listed separately or described in the analysis. Melissa Manka explained that in Westford they need these things explained somewhere so that everyone knows what to do in an emergency; their LEOP is not sufficient for this. Dan Albrecht reviewed the rest of the comments from FEMA, and high level thoughts from CCRPC regarding changes to the Strategies. The key is to keep the strategies focused on hazard mitigation and what CCRPC is going to actually going to do at the Regional Level. Dan Albrecht explained that there are certain aspects of CCRPC's workplan that we'll add in here. For example, these projects include a GIS prioritization tool (infrastructure data, FEH data and aquatic fish passage data all in one GIS map to help with infrastructure prioritization), Community Rating System assistance, Hazardous material database for first responders. Staci Pomeroy expressed concern about emergency shelter locations and how folks know where these are, and which they'd go to (she lives a ½ mile from the school in Westford). Perhaps this information would make the most sense in their local plans. Melissa Manka explained again that the LEOP is a list of phone numbers and nothing more, it really isn't helpful in an emergency. Holly Dominie explained that there are some pretty good LEOP's out there, however they don't do an assessment of preparedness – so the Local AHMP's are a good location for this; just make it clear between what are Mitigation Strategies v. Preparedness.

## 7. Next Steps

- a. Agency review of draft *2016 Plan*. Holly Dominie described the process for FEMA review.

- b. Do we maintain college appendices (UVM, Champlain College and St. Michaels College)? Dan Albrecht explained that there was a discussion that came up about this during the last review. These Annexes currently exist as appendices to the Municipal Annexes. Looks like the current ones are more about preparedness than mitigation but they should be assessed for vulnerability and mitigation strategies should be identified if needed. CCRPC will look into this and discuss it with Burlington and Colchester and figure out what the implications are of keeping updating these or removing them.
- c. Incorporation into the ECOS Plan Update – Regina Mahony explained that we will need the Chittenden County AHMP Strategies for incorporation into the ECOS Plan by November. CCRPC will figure out timing for this coordination and set the meeting date for the next AHMP Committee accordingly.

**Adjourn** – the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:20pm.

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