

Montpelier Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) Planning Committee
Draft Minutes
January 8, 2021, 9:30am – 11:00am
Remote Participation via Zoom

Committee Members

- ☒ Grace Vinson, Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC)
- ☒ Cameron Niedermayer
- ☒ Mike Miller
- ☒ Audra Brown
- ☒ Donna Barlow Casey
- ☒ Eric Nordenson
- ☒ Robert Gowans
- ☒ Vicky Arthur
- ☒ Kris Hepburn
- ☒ James Quinn

1. Call to Order

C. Niedermayer opened the meeting at 9:30 am. There were no adjustments to the agenda.

2. Review and Approve Agenda

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

3. Communication/Public Engagement Ideas

Donna noted she will reach out to CANs next week.

Website

Website with info about the LHMP process has been created here: <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/1210/Local-Hazard-Mitigation-Plan-LHMP-update>

Survey

Committee members discussed the survey questions and suggested several edits including adding introductory information on the scope and purpose of the survey, defining hazards, and adding more questions to get information on streets, neighborhoods, and areas of local concern (what Montpelier residents worry about).

Survey distribution was discussed. Survey will be sent to C. Niedermayer and A. Brown for distribution through Montpelier channels (website, reports, and Senior Center newsletter) and also put paper copies at City Hall. CVRPC will also distribute survey through weekly news and website. Survey will be open for 2 weeks.

4. Worksheets Updates and Work

2015 project status

Committee walked through worksheet and provided info to fill out “project status” column. Several 2015 actions that have been delayed or postponed were noted as possible 2021 mitigation actions.

Included and Related City-Wide Plan

G. Vinson will add list of plans discussed at meeting to this worksheet (USACE Feasibility Study, Stormwater Master Plan, etc.)

Worksheet 5: Hazard identification and analysis

G. Vinson reviewed worksheets completed and highest ranking hazards: fluvial erosion, inundation flooding, snow/ice/cold, infectious disease outbreak, and dam failure.

G. Vinson noted that “snow, ice, cold” could be assessed as one hazard- severe winter weather, or assessed separately. Committee discussed that snow and ice make sense to assess together but cold has distinct impacts.

Committee noted that even if drought and heat don’t rank as priority hazards, they are still of concern and should be noted in the LHMP.

V. Arthur asked if HAZUS analysis will be done for LHMP. G. Vinson said that there may not be sufficient budget for this.

Maps

Committee discussed maps to include in 2021 LHMP including updated dam inundation maps, map showing areas of concern identified by survey respondents, and map of vulnerable infrastructure as identified by Public Works (for example, water main breaks).

Project Timeline

G. Vinson noted that following close of survey, she will collect responses and discuss at next meeting, then text updates can begin.

Next Steps

- D. Barlow-Casey will reach out to CANs next week.
- G. Vinson will edit survey and send link to C. Niedermayer for distribution next week; survey will be open for 2 weeks.
- G. Vinson will update “Project Status” worksheet with information discussed at meeting.
- Committee members will fill in hazard assessment worksheets if they haven’t done so already
- D. Barlow Casey will reach out to Public Works for information on water main break locations, vulnerable infrastructure to include on map
- Next meeting scheduled for February 12, 2021.

Other Business

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3 **Adjournment**

4 Meeting adjourned at 10:44 am.

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