

Craftsbury Planning Commission
Draft Minutes - November 18, 2021

Present: Lucas Schulz, Linda Ramsdell, Gordon Waterhouse, Farley Brown, Rudy Chase, Ross Davis, Emily Maclure. Bruce Melendy, NVDA, guest by phone.

Meeting called to order at 7:05

1. Approval of October 14, 2021 minutes

Emily moved, Rudy seconded a motion to approve October 14 minutes. Minutes unanimously approved.

2. Letter of Support for ENHANCEMENT of RECREATIONAL STEWARDSHIP AND ACCESS (ERSA) TRAIL GRANTS - Matt Krebs

Matt Krebs summarized the project, for which the town has agreed to be the applicant. Matt provided the background and map for the project. A goal is for recreation to be an economic driver in the area, and to have a trail accessible from the Common.

Linda moved and Lucas seconded a motion for the Planning Commission to provide a letter of support for the grant. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Craftsbury Hazard Mitigation Plan update

Bruce Melendy, Emergency Management Coordinator at NVDA joined meeting by phone at 7:20 to give us background on the importance of Craftsbury having an updated hazard mitigation plan.

Craftsbury's Hazard Mitigation plan is out of date. The planning commission discussed with Bruce M. the challenges of assembling a team to work on the hazard mitigation plan, and to get the work done, planning commission members agreed to collect data in advance of the December 9th planning commission meeting. Members divided the assignments below:

Review and update hazard information based on best available data:

- Identify houses/buildings in hazardous areas (overlay floodplain data with 911 information)
- Gather information from Effie re: recipients of FEMA support for washed out roads
- Document natural hazardous areas (invasive plants) - Conservation Commission
- Identify significant power outages (dates and hours) which resulted in impacts to residents (lack of heat; loss of food due to no refrigeration; loss of electricity) - 1995

flood, 1997 ice storm, 2000 Hurricane Floyd, 2011 Hurricane Irene, 2019 Halloween Storm [This will be completed by Bruce Melendy from NVDA

- Fire department calls - # of calls and the nature of the call
- Pandemic - Extent of impacts
 - The Craftsbury Community Care Center; Sterling College; Craftsbury school system
 - Impact on food security (# of families assisted)
 - Impact on energy security (# of families assisted with firewood)

Also at the December 9th meeting the planning commission will review the public survey questions that have been designed by NVDA.

The data gathered will be provided to NVDA for the draft Hazard Mitigation Plan update. It will be up to the Select Board to develop hazard mitigation strategies.

4. Other business

The municipal planning grant has been submitted.

Agenda item requested for December 9th - discussion about town hiring person to keep track of grants, administer grants.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23.