

Town of Sutton

Hazard Mitigation Committee 2019



Meeting 1

Wednesday, November 14, 2019 | 4:00 - 6:00 PM
Pillsbury Memorial Hall | 93 Main Street, Sutton Mills

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Stephanie Alexander, CNHRPC Senior Planner. Present at the meeting was: Cory Cochran, Fire Chief and Assistant Emergency Management Director, Robert DeFelice, Budget Committee and Business Community Representative, Wendy Grimes, Rescue Chief; Adam Hurst, Assistant Road Agent, Jon Korbet, Police Chief; Elly Phillips, Town Administrator, Glenn Pogust, Planning Board Representative, Robert Wright, Jr., Select Board; Nancy Heckel, Library Trustee, and Bruno and Marilou Steblai, Neighborhood Representatives.

Those in attendance introduced themselves to their fellow committee members. Ms. Alexander explained the sign-in process, the grant meeting in-kind match and the individual timesheets which are to be emailed to Ms. Alexander quarterly. Ms. Alexander also reviewed the purpose for the hazard mitigation committee.

The Committee reviewed a worksheet prepared by the CNHRPC which identified major disaster declarations from 1973 to 2018. It was noted that the Town of Sutton has received \$297,127 in disaster relief from the federal government.

Through the process of consensus, the committee performed a Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (HIRA) with an overall risk ranking of 13 Natural Hazards. The committee reviewed and ranked Natural, Technological and Human Hazard Categories by probability of Occurrence in ten years as well as the Severity of Impact to the Town. The hazards were as follows: drought, earthquake, extreme temperatures, high wind events, inland flooding, landslide, lightning, public health, river hazards, severe winter weather, solar storms and space weather, tropical and post-tropical cyclones and wildfires. The sense of the Committee was that the top ranked hazards (tied for a rank of 8) were extreme temperatures, high wind events and severe winter weather. Ranked at 7 were inland flooding, public health, river hazards, tropical and post-tropical cyclones and wildfires. Other secondary technological and human hazards for the town were noted but not scored. Changes to the HIRA assessments from previous mitigation plans were also discussed.

The committee discussed a few initial potential and past hazard locations in Sutton between the years 2013-2018 and discussed the high wind event that occurred in October 2017. Committee members were tasked with the homework assignment to provide anecdotal recollections about recent past events as a component of meeting 1 and a priority for work session 1. The committee was also asked to provide recent digital photos of severe weather impacts to Ms. Alexander by Monday, November 26, 2018.

Ms. Alexander also discussed revisions to the past and potential hazard map and the flood hazard map. The maps were left with Elly Phillips for members to individually update prior to the next meeting.

The members discussed the meeting schedule, and determined that the next mitigation meeting will be conducted at the Pillsbury Memorial Hall, 93 Main Street, Sutton Mills at 4:00 p.m. on November 28, 2018. An additional meeting was scheduled for December 19, 2018 at the same place and time, and tentative meetings were scheduled for the entire hazard mitigation planning process through March, subject to change.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elly Phillips, Recording Secretary