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SUTTON HAZARD MITIGATION

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New Action Begins With #46- 2019 through #68- 2019		Short Term 1-2 Years Medium Term 3-4 Years Long Term 4 to 5 Years Short Term 1-2 Years Then Ongoing	TBD at a later meeting	Planning Board, Board of Selectmen, Fire & Rescue Department, Police Department, Highway Department, Emergency Management, Water Precinct, School District	\$0, estimate cost, \$xxxx - \$xxxx range	Fully describe Action - What is the problem? What are issues to be considered? How will Town be solving problem?	2019 Natural- Drought, Earthquake, Temperature, Wind, Flood, Landslide, Lightning, Health, River, Winter, Solar, Tropical, Wildfire	Road, River, Neighborhood, Town Building, Entire Town	Cost is for (engineering, design, installation, construction,	Capital Reserve Fund, Dept Operating Budget, Warrant Article, Expendable Trust Fund, NH DOT / NHDES/ NH HSEM/ Other Agency grant program, Other
	ANNING AND REGULATION ACT	TONS Action	Ranking	Who is	Approximate	Description and Evaluation of Action	What Natural	Affected Location	What Approximate Cost Will	How Funded
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2014	Ensure Capital Planning Funding for Hazard Mitigation Projects is Available to Reduce the Impact of Natural Hazards in Sutton	Short Term 1-2 Years		Planning Board, with CIP Committee and Budget Committee	\$0	Many of the projects outlined in the Hazard Mitigation Plan have not been incorporated into the general budget and need be discussed at the annual March Town Meetings. Funds would need to be secured for such issues as certify all fire fighters, developing a sanding policy and its publishing, publishing a booklet with information for townspeople on where to shelter, etc. This will accomplish transparency and community involvement. Projects should be incorporated into the Capital Improvements Program (CIP) to ensure funding is spread out evenly over time. Budget Committee will partner with CIP Committee of the Planning Board CIP.	Temperature, Wind, Flood, Landslide, Lightning, Health, River, Winter, Solar, Tropical, Wildfire	Entire Town	Cost is \$0 for in-kind volunteer development of CIP.	N/A
	Update the Zoning Ordinance to Comply with NFIP Requirements to Reduce the Impact of Flooding	Short Term 1-2 Years		Planning Board / Board of Selectmen	\$0	The Zoning Ordinance needs to be updated as new requirements to the National Flood Insurance Program are necessary for retention of NFIP participation. The Floodplain Ordinance protects life and property by regulating distance of structures to flood hazard areas, regulating elevation, clarifying definitions, regulating new structures and encroachments, stating duties of the Code Enforcement Officer, etc. In 2010, the Town adopted the recommended updates to the ordinance. The existing ordinance is amended with federal updates on a recurring basis. Board of Selectmen has the first approval of the language provided by the State of NH (NHOSI).	Flood, River	Floodplains	Cost is \$0 for in-kind staff and volunteer work.	N/A

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2014	Develop Specific Criteria for Class VI Road Upgrades as Fire Lanes to Reduce the Impact of Wildfire, Lightning, Wind, and Winter Events (Tree Fall)	<u>Medium</u> <u>Term</u> 3-4 Years		Fire Department	\$0	Policy under RSA 229:5 will protect private and public property for wildfires and fires in addition to recreation access. Fire Dept will partner with the Board of Selectmen and Highway Department to identify and designate the roads and erect signage.	Lightning, Wildfire, Wind, Winter, Tree Debris, Utility	Class VI Roads	Cost is \$0 for in-kind staff and volunteer work.	N/A
2019	Develop a Written Prioritization Policy for the Clearing of Roads which Have No Alternative Access or Secondary Egress for Wildfire, Flooding, Winter, and Wind Events (Tree Debris)	Medium Term 3-4 Years		Highway Department	\$0	When certain one-egress roads experience washouts, wires down, wildfires, or have downed trees, residents often cannot evacuate from home or access their homes if they were away during the event. Many must wait for emergency services to clear roads. Town Administrator assistance for policy can be provided after visit to Board of Selectmen.	Lightning, Wildfire, Flood, Wind, Winter, Tree Debris, Utility	Town Roads	Cost is \$0 for in-kind staff and volunteer work.	N/A
2019	Adopt the Hazard Mitigation Plan into the Master Plan to Ensure Consideration of Potential Natural Hazard Impacts to the Town from Large Developments	Medium Term 3-4 Years		Planning Board	\$0	of one of the large lot parcels would create an impact on	Drought, Earthquake, Temperature, Wind, Flood, Landslide, Lightning, Health, River, Winter, Solar, Tropical, Wildfire	New Developments	Cost is \$0 for in-kind staff and volunteer work. The HMP would be incorporated into the MP by adoption, so no or minimal printing costs are anticipated.	N/A
2019	Develop a Town Ordinance for the Appropriate Number of Unregistered Vehicles Permitted on Properties Which Are Not Licensed for the Storage to Reduce Water Supply and Soil Contamination	Short Term 1-2 Years		Board of Selectmen, with possible assistance of PB	\$300	The Town has a case against one (1) property undergoing in April 2019 (\$10,000 in legal fees to date). This policy would be an intermediary step to enforce junkyards using the State's number of vehicles or lower. The Town is its nuisance regulations to regulate "illegal junkyards". No junkyards in Sutton are officially registered with the State, therefore no oversight is available. Flooding could cause groundwater contamination (water quality), and hazardous materials spills (water quality, soil degradation) could result because of fluids in vehicles and appliances.	Health (Water Quality, Soil), River	Junkyards (Official & Unofficial)	Cost is \$0 for in-kind staff and volunteer work, but is \$300 for legal review, counsel is on monthly retainer and bills by the hour.	Executive Dept Legal Operating Budget
2019	Update the Town Ordinance for Large Gatherings to Ensure Safe Operation in Different Location and Hazardous Weather Scenarios	Short Term 1-2 Years		Board of Selectmen	\$0	Work with Fire and Police Department to update the outdated the existing policy. For example, the New London Bridge Christian Ministry (The Pinnacle) platform is one of the highest points in Sutton. It has very bad access and would be difficult to evacuate in the event of an emergency, such high wind events, wildfire, or personal injury.	Wind, Flood, Lightning, Winter, Tropical, Wildfire	Gathering Places	Cost is \$0 for in-kind staff and volunteer work.	N/A

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2019 Surface Zoning Ordinance for	3-4 Years		Planning Board / Conservation Commission	·	Creation of impervious surfaces when new developments are constructed lead to groundwater contamination, flooding, and erosion problems. Could also apply to building permits for driveways, pavements as well as for new developments. Conservation Commission can assist.	Flood, Erosion/ Landslide, Health (Water Quality)		0 0	Executive Dept Legal Operating Budget, Planning Board Consulting Budget

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	Upgrade Keyser Street Bridge over Seasonal Stream to Reduce the Impact of Floods, Erosion, and Undermining	4-5 Years		Highway Department		wetlands permit is required. The bridge is failing, although it was recently repaired in 2011. The facing is in	Flood, Ice Jam, Scouring & Erosion, Debris, Aging Infrastructure	Keyser Street Bridge	equipment rentals, wetlands permit, and labor.	NH DOT Bridge Aid 80/20, Warrant Article or Bridge Capital Reserve Fund
2014	Install a Dry Hydrant at Russell Pond at Route 114 and Fox Chase Road to Reduce the Impact of Wildfire, Lightning and Similar Hazards	Medium Term 3-4 Years		Fire & Rescue Department		Hydrant to be installed in accordance with the Rural	Lightning, Wildfire, Drought, Hazardous Materials, Fire	Russell Pond @ NH 114	design, installation, and materials for 1 dry hydrant	FEMA Fire Mitigation Assistance, NH Rural Conservation and Development, Warrant Article
	Install a Dry Hydrant near the Post Office and Route 114 at Lane River in South Sutton to Reduce the Impact of Wildfire, Lightning and Similar Hazards	4-5 Years		Fire & Rescue Department		Post Office to protect public and private property. Hydrant to be installed in accordance with the Rural	Lightning, Wildfire, Drought, Hazardous Materials, Fire	Post Office (Lane River)	Cost is for the permission, installation and materials for 1 dry hydrant	Warrant Article, HMGP

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2008	Undertake Improvements to the Fire Station or Construct a new Safety Services Complex for Fire, Rescue, EOC, and Police to Provide Better Emergency and Hazard Protection to the Town	Long Term 4-5 Years		Fire & Rescue Department	\$5,000,000	There may be a choice of improvements or new building, but it seems to be the same amount of \$3m now, probably \$4-5m in 5 years. May have to ultimately find a new property for construction (see Warner's new 2019 Town Safety Center with EOC, Fire, Rescue and Police Depts.)	Aging Infrastructure, Drought, Earthquake, Temperature, Wind, Flood, Landslide, Lightning, Health, River, Winter, Solar, Tropical, Wildfire, and Human Hazards	Safety Complex, Fire Department	Cost is for an engineering study, purchase of land if needed, permitting, construction labor, materials, and equipment/furnishings.	Research FEMA HMGP and PDM funds, CIP, Fire Station Facility Addition, Renovation, or Construction Capital Reserve Fund, Bond, Warrant Article
2019	Install Lightning Rods, Wiring and Suppression Panels in the Fire Station, Police Station, Town Hall, Highway Garage, Library, Old Store Museum, and Transfer Station to Reduce the Impact of Lightning Strike and Minimize the Risk of Fire	Long Term 4-5 Years		Fire & Rescue Department		The Town buildings (Fire, Police, Highway, Transfer) do not have lightning rods and grounding panels which could cause fire and disrupt town services. These essential services are not without risk of lightning strike or fire as evidenced by recent Henniker, Hopkinton, and Boscawen municipal building strikes.	Lightning	Fire Station, Police Station, Town Hall, Highway Garage, Library, Old Store Museum, and Transfer Station	Cost is for lightning rods, electrical surge panels, grounding wire, etc for 7 buildings @ \$4,000 each.	FEMA Fire Mitigation Assistance, Warrant Article
2019	Ensure Filing Cabinets, Office Equipment, and Furnace at the Town Hall Are at Adequate Height for Flood Conditions	Short Term 1-2 Years		Town Administration	\$3,000	The Town Hall could flood because the Lane River and unnamed brook are nearby. Town Hall does have a sump pump just in case in the basement. Basement has flooded in the past. Cinderblocks and pallets should elevate the cabinets.	Flood, River, Health (Mildew/Mold)	Town Hall	Cost is for materials of cinder blocks, and or pallets or other type of floodproofing.	FEMA HMGP 75/25, Emergency Management Budget
2019	Install a Sump Pump in the Police Department to Minimize the Impact of Flooding on Department Files and Operations	Short Term 1-2 Years		Police Department	\$3,000	The Fire Station, Highway Department, and Police Department are built on wetlands and have not flooded in the past, but the potential is there at the Police Department in particular for flooding if the rains are heavy enough.	Flood, River, Health (Mildew/Mold)	Police Department	Cost is for sump pump and installation, with digging, stonework, electrical.	Building and Grounds Operating Budget
2019	Install a Generator in the Pillsbury Town Hall to Ensure Essential Operations Can Continue Once the Power Outage Occurs	Long Term 4-5 Years		Emergency Management	\$30,000	The one Switching Station down by the Town Office could go down and cause outages to a large number of people and the main Town operations.	Wind, Winter, Lightning, Solar Storms, Power Outage	Town Hall	Cost is for installation, concrete pad, wiring panel and generator	FEMA EMPG 50/50, Warrant Article or Town Facilities Capital Reserve
2019	Post Appropriate Signage for Wooden Bridge Weight Limit and Ensure Enforcement of Limits to Reduce Runoff and Excessive Wear Conditions	Short Term 1-2 Years		Board of Selectmen	\$1,800	Some bridges 139/153 (Town) are wooden bridges and logging trucks use them, causing significant additional wear and tear. Potential is there for problems to emerge.	Flood, River, Runoff, Erosion, Scouring, Aging Infrastructure	Wooden Town Bridges - Cotton Road, Corporation/ Wadleigh Hill, Felch Road	Cost is for 6 signs at \$300 each (1 at each end of the road)	Bridges Operating Budget Line Item

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2019	Install Fire Alarm Systems in the Town Historic Buildings to Reduce the Impact of Fire	Long Term 4-5 Years		Board of Selectmen	\$30,000	no alarm systems. The South Sutton Meetinghouse (not	Fire, Human (Breaking and	Old Store Museum, South Sutton Meetinghouse, and Schoolhouse	Cost is for 3 alarm systems at 10,000 each.	Warrant Article
2019	Install a Static River Gage at NH 114 Road on the Lane River to Reduce the Impact of Flooding to Residents and the Town	Short Term 1-2 Years		Emergency Management	\$1,000	Install a static river gage on the NH 114 bridge over the Lane River to have an immediate, monitorable early warning system for high flood events. This is a low-cost measure that could be observed by the public. Early evacuation or floodproofing measures could be taken as a result of the gage height.	Flood, River	NH 114 and Lane River	installation for a static river gage.	Emergency Management Operating Budget or EMPG or HMPG
2019	Direct the Country Club to Relocate and/or Upgrade Their Drainage System to Reduce Runoff and Icy Conditions	Short Term 1-2 Years		Board of Selectmen	\$0	At the Country Club, water is draining from its parking lots when it rains, flowing across Kearsarge Valley Road, and into the river. The water ices up on Kearsarge Valley Road and vehicles can crash. The Board of Selectmen will send a letter. A catch basin may be the solution.		Country Club at Kearsarge Valley Road	Cost is for in-kind staff and volunteer labor	N/A

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#59-	Construct a Berm between	Long Term		Transfer Station	\$5,000	The Transfer Station is situated next to the Lane River	Flood, River,	Transfer Station	Cost is for an evaluation of	NHDES Water
2019	the Transfer Station and the	4-5 Years				and should the facility flood, may cause contamination	Runoff, Erosion,	behind Lane River	options and construction of a	Protection Grants,
	Lane River to Minimize the					/water quality issues in the River.	Scouring, Aging		berm like structure to protect	Warrant Article,
	Risk of Flooding and Runoff						Infrastructure,		water supplies. Cost is for	User Fees
	that Could Contaminate						Health (Water		consultant and materials, in-	
	Water Supplies						Quality)		kind labor constructed by	
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2019	Research and Install Beaver Deceiver Devices at a Trial Location Where Beaver Activity is Highest to Discourage the Development of Natural Dams and Reduce Flooding Events by Beaver Dam Breaches	Short Term 1-2 Years		Conservation Commission with possible Highway Dept assistance	\$3,500	Beaver dam issues have been experienced on the Back Side of Kezar Lake and Penacook Road/Kings Hill Road. Breach at some locations may washout roads. Regular beaver activity occurs all over Town; each section has issues with beavers. The Highway Department has to selectively break them up when the water level reaches the road.	Flood, Dam, Wind, Debris	Back Side of Kezar Lake and Penacook Road/Kings Hill Road	purchased devices	Conservation Commission and Highway Department budgets
2019	Ensure Contractors or Operators of Heavy Equipment Post Bonds against Potential Damage to Bridges and Roads and Reduce the Risk of Erosion	Short Term 1-2 Years		Town Administration, with Board of Selectmen Assistance	\$700	Some Town bridges such as 139/153 (Cotton Road over Baker Brook) or 105/111 (Wadleigh Hill Road over Lane River) are wooden bridges. Logging trucks use them, causing significant additional wear and tear. Other equipment operators can use Potential is there for bridge infrastructure problems to emerge. Through local	Flood, River, Runoff, Erosion/ Landslide, Scouring, Aging Infrastructure, Health (Water	139/153 (Cotton Road over Baker Brook) or 105/111 (Wadleigh Hill Road over Lane River)	Cost is for 2 hours of legal review, developed though in- kind staff and volunteer labor.	Legal Budget (copy from above)
2019	Purchase Strategic Parcels in the Blaisdell Lake Watershed and Kezar Lake Watershed or Obtain Easements Identified in the Conservation Open Space Plan for Additional Flood Storage Capacity and Water Quality	Long Term 4-5 Years		Conservation Commission	\$1,000,000	The Conservation Commission's Strategic Conservation Plan identifies parcels between the Blaisdell Lake and Kezar Lake. These landowners could be approached for permanent easements. Some parcels in this vicinity would provide valuable flood storage during a large flood.	Flood, River, Runoff, Erosion/ Landslide, Scouring, Aging Infrastructure, Health (Water Quality)	Blaisdell Lake and Kezar Lake Watersheds	properties.	Conservation Fund (LUCT), Warrant Article, Cons Comm Capital Reserve Fund, DES ARM Grant
2019	Investigate the Feasibility and Possible Installation of Installing a Microgrid Solar Array at the Highway Department or Town Buildings to Improve the Town's Ability to Retain Electricity During All Weather Events	Medium Term 3-4 Years		Board of Selectmen	\$250,000	The Board of Selectmen will revisit this item. A microgrid solar array is becoming a promising new energy source in NH. This would be a great addition to the town infrastructure and enable the Town to retain power during outages.	Solar Storms, Wind, Winter, Utility Outage	Town Buildings	Ü	New Capital Reserve Fund for Solar Array
2019	Promote Energy Efficiency for the Town Hall, Including Installing New Windows and Insulation	Long Term 4-5 Years		Board of Selectmen	\$100,000	The Town Hall building is on the National Register of Historic Places. Any energy efficient improvements must be in compliance, such as seals and storm frames on the windows.	Aging Infrastructure, Solar, Extreme Temps, Health	Pillsbury Town Hall	assessment and the purchase and installation of new	New Capital Reserve Fund for Energy Efficiency, or Infrastructure Capital Reserve

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	Provide Available Disaster Pamphlets and Information Regarding Emergency Supplies and Sheltering and Engage in Public Education for Developing a Personal 72- Hour Emergency Preparedness Kit to Minimize the Impact of Wind, Winter, Flood, Tropical and Other Hazards	Short Term 1-2 Years		Emergency Management, assisted by Town Administration		·	Drought, Earthquake, Temperature, Wind, Flood, Landslide, Lightning, Health, River, Winter, Solar, Tropical, Wildfire	Entire Town	Cost is for in-kind volunteer and staff support to collect brochures, add hyperlinks to the Town website, and write promotional material.	Emergency Management Operating Budge
	Educate Students, Staff and Visitors on School Security System and on Maintaining Secure Campus to Reduce the Risk of Human Hazards (Active Shooter) and Injuries from Hazardous Materials Spills	Short Term 1-2 Years then Ongoing		Police Department and School District	\$300	Informational materials on what students, staff, and parents should and should not do during emergencies will increase public awareness regarding safety and help prevent injuries. A drill may be necessary as well as Police Officer visits to classrooms to discuss school security issues. Town does not have an SRO in the schools (truancy officer only)	Human (Active Shooter), Haz Mat Spills on Highway	Kearsarge Regional Middle School,	Cost is for informational materials furnished by the Town. The Schools would pay for any of the remaining costs, including additional materials	Police Departmer Safety or Conferences/Pub c Education Budg
	Publicize Plowing and Sanding Policy to Ensure Residents Understand Priority Roads for Clearing After Winter Storms with Tree Debris and Power Outages	Short Term 1-2 Years		Town Administration	\$0	It is important to keep the public aware of the schedule the Highway Department follows for plowing and sanding the roads. This cuts down inquiry and complaint calls to the Town and informs residents of the normal procedures. Handouts will be photocopied at the Town Hall, and the Policy will be placed on the Town's website and in the Annual Town Report.	Winter, Tree Debris	Town Roads	Cost is for in-kind and volunteer time to update the website.	N/A
	Store a Small, Temporary Emergency Supply of Potable Water at the Fire Department for Human Consumption for Use During Drought Conditions or Electricity Outage	Medium Term 3-4 Years		Fire & Rescue Department	\$100	The Town does not have an excess of potable water in the event of drought, water quality decline, or other power outage emergency. The Fire Dept provides water for agricultural needs and livestock animals, people will pick up water at Fire Dept. There is no water available for townspeople. In the past, the National Guard (Hillsborough) has supplied pallets of water for Sutton Fire Dept to dispense.	Drought, Temperature, Solar Storms, Wildfire, Power Outage	Fire Department	Cost is for the purchase of bottles of water.	Fire Department Budget

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2019	Establish a Citizens Emergency Response Team (CERT) to Enable Quick Response to Disasters in Sutton	Short Term 1-2 Years		Emergency Management		The Town has many of its emergency personnel working out of town and emergency response could take time. The Fire and Rescue Department is small, as are the Police Department. and Highway Department. If the Town had a large-scale disaster, more trained people should be on hand to respond. The development of a local CERT is an appropriate activity.	Drought, Earthquake, Temperature, Wind, Flood, Landslide, Lightning, Health, River, Winter, Solar, Tropical, Wildfire	Entire Town	Cost is for wearable vests, etc. To be determined upon further investigation	May have grants available
2019	Develop a Means for Residents to Request Welfare Checks for People in Need of Special Services	Short Term 1-2 Years		Emergency Management		Knowing where the people are in Town and what their needs are during wind, winter, flood, tree fall, or power outage will enable the Fire and Police Depts to conduct welfare checks for these residents. A voluntary system, the individuals or their families must sign them up with the Town to receive this free service. (See Warner's Town website form for a good example)	Temperature, Solar Storms, Wind, Winter, Power Outage	Entire Town	Cost is for legal review of waivers	Legal Operating Budget
		Medium Term 3-4 Years		Fire & Rescue Department, with Building Inspector assistance		Fire started from any source (lightning, human, electrical, wildfire) at the historic, wooden Follansbee Inn which is an old buildings without sprinklers and were not constructed to modern codes, the buildings would be consumed quickly.	Wind, Winter, Earthquake, Wildfire, Flood, Fire, Human (Breaking and Entering/ Vandalism)	Follansbee Inn and other private, important historic wooden buildings in Sutton used for guest facilities	Cost is for in-kind staff and volunteer time.	N/A