

Amended Minutes of the East Lyme Hazard Mitigation Plan Committee June 19, 2025, Regular Meeting

Date and Time: 6/19/2025 3:13PM to 4:04PM

Members: Ron Bence, Bill Bundy III, Dan Cleary, Dan Cunningham, David Garside, Kevin Gervais, Alex Klose, Ben North, Janet Sutherland and Julie Wilson. Recording Secretary: Janet Sutherland.

Location: East Lyme Town Hall Conf. Room 1, 108 Pennsylvania Avenue

**1. Call to Order**

Wilson called the Regular Meeting of the HMPC to order at 3:13PM. Bence, Bundy and Cleary were absent.

**2. Opening Remarks**

Klose briefly summarized the history and progress of the Hazard Mitigation Plan. The primary goal has been to identify risks to hazards and potential mitigation measures to reduce the loss of or damage to life, property, infrastructure, and natural, cultural, and economic resources. Klose continued that part of the CRS requirements included an annual update for the Board of Selectmen. The HMP Committee was formed to ensure continued progress and action on the plan between updates.

**3. Nominations / Elections**

**a. Committee Chair**

MOTION: (North / Wilson) to nominate Sutherland as Committee Chair.

APPROVED unanimously, 7;0;0

**b. Recording Secretary**

Sutherland was appointed as Recording Secretary

**4. Committee Objectives**

Members discussed comprehensive, cost-effective mitigation strategies, and potential funding opportunities.

The Climate Resilience Fund was suggested to be best for mitigation grants.

Wilson gave an update on the Public Safety Radio Tower Capital Improvement Plan grant put forward to Congress. This was previously cut, but were hoping to receive funding.

## **5. Discussion: Existing Hazard Mitigation Plan**

The members discussed the Hazard Mitigation and Climate Adaption Actions found at the end of the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Annex.

Romagna Road was noted as needing repairs.

## **6. Overview of the Update Process and Requirements**

Sutherland updated the members on the CRS program requirements and compliance. The 2025 Cycle Visit had been rescheduled for the following year. These are conducted every five years to thoroughly evaluate the community's compliance with CRS requirements, and either retain or reassign a Class number. Currently East Lyme is a Class 8 community.

The CRS Coordinator handbook was currently being updated and was not available for download, but would be distributed to members once available.

## **7. Project Management and Timeline**

Members decided the meeting schedule would be the third Thursday of the third month.

The Board of Selectmen HMP update would take place in January

Members reviewed respective responsibilities for priority tasks in the HMP Update Annex and data collection. Sutherland would distribute and review CRS floodplain priority hazards.

## **8. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will take place September 18<sup>th</sup> at 3pm.

## **9. Adjournment**

MOTION: (Gervais / Wilson) adjourn at 4:04pm.

APPROVED unanimously, 7;0;0