

REGULAR MEETING AMENDED MINUTES

Thursday, September 18, 2025, 3:00 PM

EAST LYME HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN COMMITTEE

East Lyme, 108 Pennsylvania Avenue, East Lyme, Connecticut
Town Hall Conference Room 1

I CALL TO ORDER

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

II REPORTS

A. CRS Coordinator Update

Sutherland discussed Repetitive Loss (RL) areas, as determined annually by FEMA and the Department of Homeland Security. These areas surround properties which have reported at least two (2) claims from flood damage. Through the CRS Program, the properties within this area are encouraged to mitigate potential hazards, often through elevating flood prone structures.

B. Hazard Mitigation Climate Adaption Plan; Vulnerable Assets Dashboard

Klose reviewed the Vulnerable Assets Dashboard created by SECOG

III APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Meeting Minutes of: June 19, 2025

MOTION: (Klose / Wilson) to approve the minutes of June 19, 2025
APPROVED unanimously, 10; 0; 0

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A & B. Existing Hazard Mitigation Plan; Project Management and Timeline;

Sutherland had a list of historic properties within East Lyme, and would begin comparing addresses against the FEMA flood maps for vulnerable properties which may benefit from being added to the National Register of Historic Places, as this can alleviate some requirements

Klose noted he was still reviewing elevating Brook and Bush Hill, and added he had the flood profile for the Pattagansett River.

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Klose additionally discussed a new development that may alleviate the need for the Bush Hill / Romagna Road emergency access connection.

North detailed mitigation projects from the Water & Sewer Department, particularly around the Bride Brook well site. About 1,000ft of the dirt road was paved to enhance traversability during wintertime chemical delivery operations, in addition to removing erosion control concerns with great assistance from Klose and Engineering for the design and implementation. A new generator was added for Well 3A, stated North, modernizing all well generators.

North additionally noted the upgraded SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Accumulation) network for the Town's water system to improve security, data collection, and expanded data inputs and enhanced control of processes. Cleary discussed security upgrades with North, including upgrading the existing keypad lock systems to unique access ID codes, and exploring further options with the IT Department to enhance building security such as cameras and key-card access systems.

A discussion was had on the prioritization of items in the Hazard Mitigation Plan, including the Niantic pump station. Infrastructure issues resulting from rusting metal pipes or mortar eroding were considered a high priority, research into prevention was discussed.

Wilson was still waiting on updates regarding the telecommunications grant.

Gervais noted there was still no budget for the committee, and recommended \$100,000 for the upcoming year, Sutherland agreed.

C. Board of Selectmen Updates

Sutherland reminded members to provide their updates for the December meeting.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of 2026 Schedule

MOTION: (Wilson / Klose) to approve the 2025 and 2026 Schedule

APPROVED unanimously, 10; 0; 0

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: (Wilson / Klose) to adjourn at 4:14pm

APPROVED unanimously, 10; 0; 0