

TOWN OF CLARENDON
PUBLIC HEARING
September 27, 2021
Minutes

Attendees:

Select Board

Mike Klopchin, Chair

Bob Bixby, Clerk

Cash Ruane

Robert Congdon

Rick Wilbur

Heldi Congdon, Treasurer

Katie Nop, Secretary

William Chmielewski, PEG TV

Nicole Peterson

John Colvin

Matt Jakubowski

Call To Order

Chairman Klopchin called the hearing to order at 6PM.

Additions / Deletions

N/A

Clarendon VT, Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Input/Comments

Selectman Congdon started off the discussion by stating that he has spoken numerous times on his concerns with the Hazard Mitigation Plan including any comments on flooding or river corridors. While Selectman Congdon found the points of the Plan he wanted removed, Katie mentioned Alf Strom- Olsen's comments. He wanted to mention the importance of including the flood chutes on the western side of the Mill River by Route 7. These chutes aid in flooding by slowing the river's velocity, causing less erosion. The flood chutes have to remain clear to be effective. Alf thought if the importance of them were discussed in the Plan, River Management at the State level would manage them better. The Board agreed. Katie will pass along Alf's comments to RRPC Hazard Mitigation Plan Facilitator, Steffanie Bourque. Selectman Congdon, and the Board agreed to remove bullet point #2 on page 16 under NFIP Compliance that read "adopt river corridor protection language in the flood hazard regulations bylaw." They also requested that the wording on #3 be changed to "ensure that floodplain and river corridor maps are kept up to date." This would remove the phrase "work with the RRPC." Selectman Congdon asked that the first two mitigation actions that were listed on page 22 be taken out (River Corridor Bylaws and Developing Stormwater Management Plan). The rest of the Board agreed to take that out as well. Chairman Klopchin asked Clarendon Fire Chief Jakubowski about fire suppression. Matt explained that in Clarendon, they've been using grant funding to put in multiple dry hydrants in around Town. Selectman Congdon questioned the project timeline of establishing vegetative buffers in riparian areas, stabilizing stream banks, and

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removing berms and/or accumulated debris to restore flood capacity, that's located on page 25 of the Plan. The Board decided to take that entire action out of the Hazard Mitigation Plan as well. Selectman Congdon confirmed that the Public Works Mutual Aid agreement was taken out (because Clarendon does not participate). Katie confirmed that it had. Nicole Peterson questioned if the map on Appendix B was a Town issued map. Selectman Congdon responded that it was a state level map because Clarendon has not formally adopted any river corridor bylaws.

Public Comments

N/A

Adjournment

Selectman Congdon motioned to adjourn the hearing at 6:32PM, Selectman Bixby seconded, and the motion passed unopposed.

SIGNED:  Mike Klopchin, Chair

SIGNED:  Bob Bixby, Clerk