Emergency Planning Committee  
April 29, 2013 meeting  
Approved Minutes

Attendance  
Commissioners: Chair-Piet Van Loon, Roger Turner, Eric Stevens, Dick Clark  
Staff: Dinah Reed.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Minutes – The November 2012 minutes were approved as written.

Discussion of Emergency Planning Section text -- for Regional Plan Update  
- The Committee discussed policies in the Regional Plan that address emergency planning. The key issue pointed out was that there is a lack of any policies that address hazard mitigation planning, particularly with regard to floodplains and fluvial erosion hazard areas.
- Questions asked; what policies should be added at the regional level? How restrictive should the language be? How do we add language that will affect towns without zoning? Thoughts:
  o Regional Plan should have advisory language regarding development in both inundation flood areas and fluvial erosion hazard (FEH) areas. Include advisory language explaining the difference between inundation flooding and FEH.
  o Use the phrase “at a minimum” rather than “shall” or “must”.
  o Be very specific about what we are advising when using “should at a minimum”.
  o Cite FEMA regulations as measures we support.
  o Encourage Towns to adopt their own, more restrictive language with flood regs.
  o Add historical information about TS Irene
  o Add hazard mitigation planning language to Housing Section and Natural Resources Section.
  o Policy that the region will educate and advise towns about floodplains, how flood regulations work, and issues of developing in floodplains.
  o Policy that towns have an understanding of resiliency and know what that means for their community.
  o Policy that towns should begin efforts to move or relocate critical facilities, such as fire department, shelters, and town garage out of the floodplain.
- Discussion of Section 7.5:
Policy that towns should be trained in ICS – that towns are all using the same systems and how to manage disaster when it’s happening.
Policy that towns should be using their BEOPs.
Advisory language for planning economic impacts.
Advisory language about shelters and the operations of them.

Emergency Planning Website – Marlboro Capstone Project
- Roger announced that as of now, no students at Marlboro College have shown interest in taking on this project.
- Idea proposed to ask the Vermont Technical College if they are interested.

Potential Cross-Town Talk
- Planning and understanding of finances, MOUs, and flow of money with regards to hazard disasters.
- Possible presenters: Cynthia Stoddard (Putney), Bill Kearns (Grafton), Katie Buckley (Guilford)
- Attendees: Selectboard, Treasurer, Town Highway Foremen

Next Meeting
- Dinah will do a “doodle” poll to find out the best date per month/and location.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dinah Reed