

Amherst Hazard Mitigation Plan Update
Meeting 5 Agenda
6/13/22 2pm-4pm
Amherst Fire Rescue Station 1
177 Amherst Street
Amherst, NH 03031

Attendees:

Matt Conley	Fire Chief/EMD
Scott Tenney	Building Official/Health Officer
Eric Slosek	DPW Director
John Marcel	Hazard Mitigation Planner NH HSEM
Jill Piwoski	Senior Field Representative NH HSEM
Justin Kates	Decision Aid LLC (Consultant)

Meeting convened at 2pm

1. Review revised mitigation actions from last meeting

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Boston Post Road estimate was added to the spreadsheet

2. Select at least 2 NFIP actions

- a. Previous actions:

- i. Establish mutual aid agreements with neighboring communities to address administering the NFIP following a major storm event.
- ii. Revise and enforce floodplain, stormwater, and erosion control regulations to improve floodplain management in Amherst. Utilize site plan regulations to encourage permeable driveways and surfaces to reduce runoff and promote groundwater recharge.

- b. Recommended actions:

- i. Conduct a NFIP community workshop to provide information and incentives for property owners to acquire flood insurance
- ii. Establish and publicize a user-friendly, publicly-accessible repository for inquirers to obtain Flood Insurance Rate Maps

https://www.amherstnh.gov/sites/g/files/vyhli4116/f/uploads/amherst_hazmit_update2015_1.pdf (Page 85)

https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/2020-06/fema-mitigation-ideas_02-13-2013.pdf (Pages 21-31)

3. Complete STAPLEE Analysis

Social— Will the action unfairly affect any one segment of the population? Will it disrupt established neighborhoods? Is it compatible with present and future community values? Will it adversely affect cultural resources?

Technical—How effective is the action in avoiding or reducing future losses? Will it create more problems than it solves? What are some secondary impacts? Does it solve a problem or only a symptom?

Administrative— Does the community have the capability to implement the action? Can the community provide the necessary maintenance? Can it be accomplished in a timely manner?

Political— Is there public support both to implement and maintain the action? Is the political leadership willing to support it? Does it present a financial burden to stakeholders?

Legal— Does the community have the authority to implement the action? Is enabling legislation necessary? What are the legal side effects? Will the community be liable for the actions, support of actions, or lack of actions?

Economic— What are the costs of this action? How will the costs be borne? Are state/federal grant programs applicable? Does the action fit into existing capital improvements or economic development budgets?

Environmental— How will this action affect the environment? Does it comply with local, state, and federal environmental regulations? Is it consistent with community environmental goals? Are endangered or threatened species likely to be affected?

Benefit Score Range: 0 = Not Beneficial, 1 = Somewhat Beneficial, 2 = Beneficial, 3 = Very Beneficial

Cost Score Range: 0 = Not Costly, -1 = Somewhat Costly, -2 = Costly, -3 = Very Costly

https://www.amherstnh.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlif4116/f/uploads/amherst_hazmit_update2015_1.pdf (Pages 94-102)

4. Document changes in hazard mitigation priorities since last plan

https://www.amherstnh.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlif4116/f/uploads/amherst_hazmit_update2015_1.pdf (Pages 22-23)

https://www.amherstnh.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlif4116/f/uploads/amherst_hazmit_update2015_1.pdf (Pages 87-90)

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5. Complete Implementation and Administration

https://www.amherstnh.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlif4116/f/uploads/amherst_hazmit_update2015_1.pdf (Pages 102-106)

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6. Determine how elements of Hazard Mitigation Plan will be incorporated into other planning documents and initiatives

Master Plan will be completed in September? Any other future plans?

No other future plans were identified by the group however the town planner will be able to incorporate these findings into other projects.

7. Determine method and schedule for keeping plan current after update

Hazard Mitigation Team will convene annually to review the plan and see if there are any updates. After any disaster, the team will be sure to record information on impacts for future plan updates.

8. Determine how public will continue being involved in plan maintenance

Members of the public will be invited to annual hazard mitigation meetings. Additionally, feedback and issues after disasters will be documented for future plan updates.

9. Review approval process

Plan will be drafted and then made available for public feedback and comment. Then the document will be sent to HSEM for review. After their approval, the plan needs to be approved by the Board of Selectmen.

Meeting concluded at 4pm