WILLIAMSTOWN PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

MEETING HELD ON: MARCH 13, 2019 Minutes - - (DRAFT COPY)

PRESENT: Matt Rouleau, Rich Turner, Jasmin Couillard, Susan Lyons Guest: Jonathan Delabruere, CVRPC (7:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.)

The Meeting was called to order at approximately 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was opened with Jonathan speaking to us on the up-dated Hazard Mitigation Plan schedule. The PC had met the Public Engagement Event #2 when Horace Duke spoke at our Town Meeting on March 5, 2019 regarding Williamstown's Hazard Mitigation Survey and asking the townspeople for a verbal response to their thoughts on identifying the top 5-7 top hazards that impact the town. The top seven considered as "worst threats" were; Dam Failures, Flash Flood, Fluvial Erosion, High Wind, Winter Storm/Ice Storm, and Invasive Species.

Jonathan gave us the following dates for meetings:

Planning Team Meeting #3 - - April 10, 2019

Planning Team Meeting #4 - - May 4, 2019

Planning Team Meeting #5 - - with the Select Board - - on June 11, 2019. (Should this be on Monday, June 10th?)

Jonathan will send/e-mail an up-dated schedule to Matt. He also passed out three reports that we all went over and up-dated together with some requiring more work.

Jonathan also had a Draft copy of a "Williamstown Hazard Analysis Map of 2019" which he left with us to look over and let him know if there are any changes to be made.

At 8:00 P.M. Jonathan left and we continued with our meeting.

Matt would like to nominate Rich Turner as Chairman. He has a lot going on and would like to step down as Chair. Rich said that he is unable to take on this responsibility for another few months - - Matt agreed to continue for 2 more months. The PC has not been posting our Agenda and Minutes to our meetings, so Susan will start taking the minutes and after sharing the draft copy for any changes/corrections with the CH will have them posted on our Town Website.

Looking at updating our Community Profile. See the Williamstown Town Plan book dated April 11, 2016 – page 9. Use the first four paragraphs and exclude the note "(See Chapter IX").

Can also add: The Town continues to support and protect the rural life style and traditions of Williamstown. The new Public Safety Building was completed in 2014 and it houses our local volunteer Fire Department and Ambulance Service and also has space for local Law Enforcement and the State Police. Also, our Waste Water Treatment facility was up-graded and completed in 2018. As our town continues to grow we try to meet the needs of our community and one of the ways is by supporting Solarpower needs. "The Williamstown and Northfield School districts were joined in 2018 and are now known as the "Paine Mountain School District".

A new list of the Planning Commission members is needed. Also required is a Contact List with names and addresses to include the CVRPC and Town Clerks in all adjacent towns that the new plan is to be sent to for their review and comments. They have 30 days for any comments.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00P.M.

Next Meeting is for: April 10, 2019 - - 7:00 P.M.