

## WILLIAMSTOWN PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

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

- PRESENT: Rich Turner, CH, Horace Duke, Jasmin Couillard, Matt Rouleau  
Visitors: Bonnie Waninger and Zachary Maia
- Bonnie W. Hazard Mitigation Plan: Going over the VT Emergency Management comments on the Hazard Mitigation Plan.  
**Question 1:** Answer is No, because the process is ongoing.
- Matt & Rich Discussed whether or not a Notice was posted that we are looking for comments on the Plan.  
**Question 2:** Answer – Dams were expressed as a Hazard, there is a table on Page 23.
- Matt R. Expressed that he would like “probability of Dam failure” changed to higher but after discussion it was decided a 1 is accurate.
- Zach M. Re organized the table to show from the Highest Priority to the Lowest.
- Rich T. See the Chart on Page 19, there is change in the wording – “including” to “included”.  
Asked Bonnie about River Corridors By-laws.
- Bonnie W. Responded by saying that if you don’t have zoning, you don’t have River Corridor By-laws.  
See reference to this on Page 18/19 of the LHMP update.  
  
“We established that we do not have River Corridor By-Laws so we need to remove the text about River Corridor By-Laws on Pages 17 & 18. See under “Land Use Planning”.  
  
Discussion followed about a comment on Page 11.
- Bonnie W. See Page 15. Removed the statement “No comments were received” to “Comments have now been received.”  
Ref to Page 17: Changed to tables on Pages 18-19-20.
- Matt R. Question regarding if “Town Administration” automatically means “Town Manager”? It should be changed as such on Pages 17-19.
- Bonnie W. See Page 24. Dam failure is listed as worst threat, but it’s pretty far down the list.  
Suggestion was made to move Dam Failure to above Invasive Species.  
**(Side Comment (SS12) to be removed)**  
**Note:** Red text is designed to answer that plan **HAS** changed from the last plan.
- Matt & Horace Discussion about Invasive Species was done at the last Town Meeting.
- Bonnie W. See Page 25 – Do we want there to be an Action Plan or just note in text?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Rouleau Pond Dam was due for inspection in 2017, not sure if it was inspected or not.  
Bonnie will investigate.

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- Bonnie W. Regarding the Rood Pond Dam. Asked if we should make working with the Agency of Natural Resources an Action to prompt them to inspect the Rouleau Dam?  
She will request ANR to improve communications.
- \_\_\_\_\_ See Page 32 – Comment SS14. Are we really going to do this? Should we consider putting in a flood gauge?
- Bonnie W. Ref. Page 33: Most flood damage is from erosion.  
Discussion followed on how to minimize this.  
Remove comment SS15 on Page 33.
- ? See Page 35 – State want to know “Where”? (Does this refer to Table 10 under Event?)
- \_\_\_\_\_ See Page 37 – Table 11: Updated thru 2019
- \_\_\_\_\_ See Page 41 – Could or will? (See side comment 3317) There is a wind monitor by the interstate. Could we get access to that information?
- \_\_\_\_\_ See Page 42 – Table 12: Changed wind to **High** instead of Medium probability.
- ? See Page 45 – Should this be in table or just remain a “could” but not committed to – or – add to the table and commit to it?
- Matt R. I think this should stay as “could do”.
- Bonnie W. Emerald Ash Borer - - Mentioned that the state is going to start inventorying Ash trees around the state.
- \_\_\_\_\_ See Page 50 - - Comment SS20 – to be removed.  
See Page 51 – Comments SS21 & SS22 to be removed.  
See Page 52 – Comments SS21 & SS23 to be removed.
- ? See Page 53 - ? Does the town have a specific approach – or leave it “general?” (Not sure what this is in reference to.)
- Matt R. Building permit process for flood plain. ??
- \_\_\_\_\_ See Page 53 - Comment SS25: How much did it cost? What was the economic impact? Did we actually do this?
- Matt R. I don’t think we did it like that.  
  
Change text to – “Based on need”.

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\_\_\_\_\_ See Page 64 – Hazardous Material sites (Tier II sites)  
Entities that report themselves?  
Pump & Pantry - - (Check Database)  
Add statement about why they are a risk.

\_\_\_\_\_ See Page 65: Remove both comments

Horace D. Asked a question about Hazmat crew in Barre versus Berlin.

Matt R. Mentioned that the Hazmat spill need to be updated to include the most recent oil spill.

Bonnie W. Discussed comments from DEC.  
She will send a clean copy to the Planning Commission for review and then it has to go on to the Selectboard.

Rich T. Any more comments? None.  
Any further discussion? None.

\_\_\_\_\_ Motion to adjourn made.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Next Meeting is for: Dec. 11, 2019 - - 7:00 P.M.

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