

**Hebron Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) Update Committee Meeting
January 14, 2015
Hebron Public Safety Building**

In Attendance:

John Fischer	Hebron Fire Department, Chief Emergency Management Director (EMD)
Patrick Moriarty	Hebron Selectman, Vice Chair
Tony Albert	Hebron Fire Department, Captain
Maynard Young	Hebron Fire Department
Travis Austin	Hebron Police Department, Chief
Mavis Brittelli	Hebron Conservation Commission
Ivan Quinchia	Hebron Resident
Bruce Barnard	Hebron Resident and Conservation Commission member
Paul Hatch	NH HSEM, Field Representative
David Jeffers	Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC), Regional Planner

Introductions

All present introduced themselves. A few surveys had been received and the information on them were shared.

Review of Vulnerability

The matrix rating vulnerability of Critical Facilities and Populations (adapted from 2009 Plan) was reviewed and adjustments made, increasing a couple of ratings for lightning.

Review of Risk Assessment

The Hazard Risk Matrix (Probability x Extent x Avg. Impact) was reviewed and discussed. The potential impact on services resulting from a landslide along either (or both) of the primary routes into/out of Hebron was discussed and the rating increased.

Other items noted:

- Lightning - location and construction of the facility can make a difference (Town Hall (1840s) is rather isolated.
- Tornado/downburst are rare, often mitigated by geography.
- Power disruption is important
- Shelter - no really large facility in town (school is in Bridgewater). Camp Berea might serve as a shelter but access can be difficult.
- Landslide & flooding in 1973-4 and 1998 led to problems near the Fowler River
- Police have checked in on residents; generally folks in town consider themselves self-sufficient. Some commented that times have changed (and the average age in town continues to rise) and that some residents are more dependent on others than they used to be.
- Water contamination - The town ought to be aware of the materials being transported through town. Potential contamination of groundwater was revisited; it was suggested that baseline testing be conducted, although cost of the testing may be an obstacle for some.
- There are multiple forms of terrorism; at its core is, “the use or threat of use of force or violence against persons or property to intimidate...by a non-sovereign entity” (State of NH HMP 2013, p. 87). Although none really expect it to occur in Hebron, there was acknowledgement that circumstances do exist in which terrorism might occur.

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Review of Existing Actions

The matrix listing the Status and Effectiveness of Actions recommended in the 2009 Plan was reviewed, including discussion about beaver dams and maintaining a list of residents with special needs. It was suggested that the town work with NH DES to address beaver dams; potential impacts to the lake and landowner liability were also discussed. The viability of maintain an accurate list of residents with special needs might be a difficult. It was also noted that in 1987 work was done on Braley Road to improve drainage through a private/public partnership. It was suggested that gathering a list of residents with generators might be done through a survey in the town newsletter.

HMP Goals

The Hazard Mitigation Goals from the 2009 plan were reviewed. There was discussion regarding #5 “To maintain compatibility with the goals of the Master Plan” and it was agreed that it should be retained. A new goal was recommended, “Educate the public regarding how to protect and maintain the property in a manner that will mitigate the impacts of hazards.”

Next Steps

D. Jeffers reviewed some of the gaps in protections that have been mentioned over the past several meetings and asked if anyone had additional suggestions. Lightning, flooding, landslides, potential contamination, tornado/ downburst, hurricane. Next steps include brainstorming of potential mitigation actions; the FEMA Region I publication “Mitigation Ideas” was distributed and discussed. Members were asked to review and submit suggested Actions prior to the next meeting. Once a list is compiled, these will be prioritized by the committee. Each person was asked to submit three potential mitigation actions prior to the next meeting.

Other

Selectman Moriarty made a point of noting that while the plan development process is not complete, these HMP meetings have spurred on action at the town level. There are several warrant articles that are being brought to March Town Meeting aimed at addressing hazard mitigation concerns.

Future meetings:

Tuesday 2/10/15
Wednesday 3/11/15

All meetings begin at 1:00 PM in the Hebron Public Safety Building 37 Groton Rd. Hebron, NH.