

New Ashford Select Board/MVP Meeting  
New Ashford Town Hall/Zoom  
June 6, 2022

Present: Jason Jayko, Mark Phelps, Lori Jayko, Susan Supranowicz, Jake Scace, Keith Lacasse, Richard George

Zoom: Rob Polsinelli, Doreen DeFazio, Sophie Protano, Frank Speth

Absent: Ken McInerney

Meeting opened at 6:00

1. Approve Minutes from 5/23/2022: No minutes available to approve.
2. Stakeholders: CMC is identifying the top hazards for the town and the vulnerabilities that make the town susceptible to damage from the hazard. This process will help identify the stakeholders, which will include regional towns, local business owners, and agriculture and state land owners. CMC will contact stakeholders. CMC conducted a site visit of the town and identified the following hazards and corresponding stakeholders. There are two culverts on Ingraham Road in danger of failure or flooding. Homeowners, first responders, and the owner of Ronnie's Warehouse are the stakeholders. Bauer Road and Greylock Road are prone to washout and culvert plugging. The stakeholders are DCR and Lanesborough. The Emerald Ash Borer is affecting trees in the Mount Greylock State Reservation. The stakeholders are DCR, Lanesborough, the Conservation Commission, and the State Forest Warden. Beach Hill Road has one access and problems with plowability. It is steep and lacks a turnaround. If the culvert ¼ mile up the road failed, there would be no means of egress. Stakeholders are homeowners, the Road Commissioner, and first responders. White Road is narrow and lacking a turnaround. The canopy on Greylock Road contributes to ice dams in the winter. The road requires a lot of maintenance and delivery, fuel, and garbage trucks sometimes refuse to go up in the winter. Trees that are close to the power lines are failing along the roadways. Eversource is supposed to take care of 27 problem trees in July. A representative from Eversource will be added to the stakeholders. The town has inadequate water supply for fire protection, with only one source available.
3. Work Shops Schedule: The workshop can be hybrid. It is best if stakeholders attend the entire workshop. The workshop should be held in the last two weeks of August so the Hazard Mitigation Plan can be ready by the end of October to get FEMA and MEMA's approval.
4. Next Steps: CMC will continue to gather information on hazards, vulnerabilities, and strengths and will align those to the appropriate stakeholders. Hazards and vulnerabilities will get ranked as high, medium, or low. CMC will give the Board a list of top hazards in the state for review. After the workshop, CMC will make a summary for the core team. The finished report will be a combined HMP and MVP plan. When it is close to done, it will be put out for public comment. A final report will then go to the Select Board for vote. When that plan is adopted, it will go to EEA, MEMA and FEMA. Edits may be required based on their feedback.
5. Any other Unforeseen Business: None
6. Public Comment: None

Next MVP meeting TBD Week of June 21.

Meeting adjourned at 6:59