


TOWN OF CROMWELL
TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY JUNE 9, 2021
7:00 P.M. TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
AMENDED AGENDA

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JoAnn Doyle
TOWN CLERK
CROMWELL, CT 

- A. CALL TO ORDER
- B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- D. COMMISSION CHAIRMAN REPORTS/LIASON REPORT/STAFF REPORTS
- E. MAYOR'S UPDATE
- F. TOWN MANAGER'S UPDATE
- G. FINANCIAL/FINANCE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE
 - 1. Budget Reports
 - 2. Tax Refunds
- H. CHIEF OF POLICE'S UPDATE
- I. PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S UPDATE
- J. CITIZEN COMMENTS
- K. NEW BUSINESS
 - 1. Discussion and action to approve 2021 Concert Schedule; use of COA Parking area.
 - 2. Discussion and action to approve the 2021 Lower Connecticut River Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan Update.
 - 3. I.U.O.E Local #30 Grievance Step 3 (Section 6, Article 7)
 - a. David Cocchiola
 - 4. I.U.O.E Local #30 Grievance Step 3 (Section 6, Article 7)
 - a. Kevin McKnight
 - 5. I.U.O.E Local #30 Grievance Step 3 (Section 6, Article 7)
 - a. Peter Stergos
 - 6. I.U.O.E Local #30 Grievance Step 3 (Section 6, Article 7)
 - a. Mike Fuller
- L. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - 1. Regular Meeting, May 12, 2021

M. APPOINTMENTS

1. LGBTQ+ Committee
 - a. Jacey Long
 - b. Maria Pavlick
 - c. Molly Sayles
 - d. Steve St. Onge
 - e. Students (names withheld)
 - f. Thomas Foran
 - g. Matthew Brown
 - h. Linda Smolka
2. Cromwell Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee
 - a. Jennifer Beck
3. Youth Advisory Board
 - a. Katie Barber
 - b. Bella Barber
 - c. Kym Banton
 - d. Linda Haddad
 - e. Maggie Shufer
 - f. Suzanne Rutner
 - g. Whitney Simmons

N. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

O. ADJOURN



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June 2, 2021

Dear Natural Hazard Mitigation Update Planning Team:

On behalf of RiverCOG and Dewberry congratulations to all and thank you for your work and contributions to the 2021 Lower Connecticut River Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan Update.

FEMA Region 1 has completed its review of the plan and found it meets the requirements under 44 CFR 201 for:

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| • Chester | • East Haddam | • Lyme |
| • Clinton | • East Hampton | • Middlefield |
| • Cromwell | • Essex | • Middletown |
| • Deep River | • Haddam | • Old Lyme |
| • Durham | • Killingworth | • Portland |

pending adoption. If the plan is not adopted within one calendar year of the FEMA notice dated 5/19/2021, the entire plan must be updated and resubmitted for review.

The final plan and draft adoption resolution (this resolution is also included in this packet) can be found [here](#).

The regional plan and your municipal appendix must be adopted by your board of selectmen or your town/city council. A draft resolution for this purpose is attached. The resolution may be altered but it is very important that resolutions remain consistent across the region. **(FEMA review comment, section 2 of review crosswalk: It is important that adoption resolutions received back are generally consistent with one another (E.g.: All reference the same plan name, etc.)).** The entire plan will also be adopted by the RiverCOG board once all municipal annexes are adopted.

Please let us know if you require a printed copy for your municipal adoption process and a copy, with the regional plan and your municipal annex will be provided. Also contained in this packet is a FAQ document that will answer many of your questions.

Please see below for a list of tentative meeting dates for adoption by municipality. Please confirm with Eliza LoPresti at ELoPresti@rivercog.org that these dates are convenient for you, and if they are not we will reschedule. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns. Margot Burns mburns@rivercog.org and Scott Choquette @ schoquette@Dewberry.com.

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2020 Lower Connecticut River Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan

Tentative Schedule of Adoption Dates:

- Cromwell – Town Council Meeting, 6/9/21 - 7pm
- Durham – Board of Selectmen Meeting, 6/14/21 - 7pm
- East Haddam – Board of Selectmen Meeting, 6/16/21 - 7pm
- Lyme – Board of Selectmen, 6/21/21 – 3:30pm
- Old Lyme – Board of Selectmen Meeting, 6/21/21 – 7:30pm
- Deep River – Board of Selectmen Meeting, 6/22/21 – 6:30
- Killingworth – Board of Selectmen Meeting, 6/28/21 – 7pm
- Middletown – City Council Meeting, 7/6/21 – 6pm
- Clinton – Town Council Meeting, 7/7/21 – 8am
- Essex – Town Council Meeting, 7/7/21 – 5pm
- Haddam – Board of Selectmen Meeting, 7/12/21 – 6:30pm
- East Hampton – Town Council Meeting, 7/13/21 – 6:30pm
- Chester – Board of Selectmen Meeting, 7/14/21 – 7pm
- Middlefield – Board of Selectmen Meeting, 7/21/21 – 7:30



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Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan 2021 Update

Frequently Asked Adoption Questions

Q 1. What is hazard mitigation?

Answer: Unlike disaster response or recovery, hazard mitigation is proactive. In general terms, hazard mitigation is any sustained action taken to reduce injury, loss of life and damage to infrastructure, property and the environment during future disasters. Hazard mitigation also should reduce the need to respond to disasters and the financial burden of responding and recovering.

Q 2. Why are we adopting the updated NHMP?

Answer: The federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) (Public Law 106-390), commonly known as the 2000 Stafford Act amendments, was approved by Congress on October 10, 2000. Along with other specifications, this act required state and local governments to develop hazard mitigation plans as a condition for federal grant assistance—reinforcing the importance of pre-disaster infrastructure mitigation planning to reduce disaster losses nationwide. DMA 2000 is aimed primarily at controlling and streamlining administration of federal disaster relief and programs to promote mitigation activities. Prior to 2000, federal legislation had provided funding for disaster relief, recovery, and some hazard mitigation planning; however, DMA 2000 improved upon the planning process by emphasizing the importance of communities planning for disasters before they occur.

Q 2. What funding sources are available to implement the plan?

Currently an updated, approved and fully adopted plan is required for the following FEMA grant programs:

- Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) – this is an annual grant program targeted at infrastructure and building projects that make a community more resilient. Community Capacity and Capability Building grants are also available for planning and studies. Proposed funding for the next cycle is \$1 Billion.
- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) – this is a post disaster program that provides mitigation planning and project grants equal to 15% of the total disaster damages in the Presidentially declared disaster area. It has historically been Connecticut's largest source of mitigation funding
- Flood Mitigation Assistance Program (FMA) – is an annual grant program specifically targeted at projects that prevent damages to NFIP insured properties.

There are numerous other funding programs from the federal and state government for resilience and mitigation projects. While they may not all require a mitigation plan. Having carefully chosen, publicly endorsed and well thought out mitigation actions in the plan will most certainly help with grant procurement.



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Q 3. How often does the plan require updating?

In order not to lapse, the plan must be updated every five years. It typically takes one year of planning to obtain a grant to update the plan and approximately one year to complete the update.

Q 4. What happens if we are unable to obtain funds to implement the plan?

Participating in the update, identifying mitigation projects and adopting the plan does not commit the community to its implementation if funding is not available. Circumstances change as do programs and priorities. There is no penalty for failing to implement the projects and strategies identified in the plan.

A RESOLUTON concerning the

**2021 Lower Connecticut River Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan Update
Dated May 2021**

For the purpose of adopting the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan as required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency in order to be eligible for certain Federal assistance for any natural hazards.

WHEREAS, the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, at 42 U.S.C. § 5165, and 44 CFR Part 201.6 of the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, require the municipalities to adopt a mitigation plan in order to be eligible for grants to implement certain mitigation projects; and

WHEREAS the Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments (RiverCOG) municipalities have experienced past flooding and other natural hazard events that pose risks to public health and safety, may cause serious property damage, and a plan is needed to address the results of these events: and

WHEREAS the planning process fostered by the Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, and set forth by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, offers the opportunity to consider natural hazards and risks, and to identify mitigation actions to reduce future impacts of such hazards; and

WHEREAS the State of Connecticut has provided federal Hazard Mitigation Assistance program funds to support development of the mitigation plan; and

WHEREAS a Hazard Mitigation Plan (the "Plan") has been updated by the Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee and staff from RiverCOG and 15 of its municipal members, including the City/Town of _____; and

WHEREAS the Hazard Mitigation Plan recommends several mitigation actions that will help minimize and reduce safety threats and damage to private and public property; and

WHEREAS a public meeting was held on _____, 2021, to present the Plan and proposed mitigation actions and to solicit questions and comments.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council/Board of Selectmen of _____, Connecticut, that the Hazard Mitigation Plan, including Volume I and the annex for our municipality, is hereby adopted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the municipal offices identified in the Plan are hereby directed to pursue implementation of the recommended priority actions that are assigned to their agencies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any action proposed in the Plan shall be subject to and contingent upon budget approval, if funding is required, and this resolution may not be interpreted so as to mandate any such appropriations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of _____ is designated to coordinate with other offices and entities and shall periodically report on the activities, accomplishments, and progress, and shall prepare a progress report as required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2021.

APPROVED:

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(Jurisdiction head of governing body)

ATTEST:

(Jurisdiction representative)