



Jonathan E. Mayhew, Chairman
Board of Selectmen
Beetlebung Corner, P.O. Box 119
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February 16, 2016

Dear Chairman Mayhew,

The *Dukes County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2015* has been approved by Commonwealth and federal authorities. Once all seven Boards of Selectmen have adopted the plan, final approval will be formalized.

The plan is the result of a great effort at data gathering and assessment, followed by thoughtful consideration of mitigation strategies. There was considerable involvement by town personnel and officers. During planning sessions two years ago, consensus was achieved in support for the strategies in the plan. Emergency Manager Tim Carroll was the lead for the Town, and was outstanding in that role.

For the past two years, the plan has been through an arduous approval process by MEMA (Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency) and FEMA (Department of Homeland Security-Federal Emergency Management Agency). Both approvals have been achieved.

The Board's adoption is the next step. The adoption resolution text is attached, and should be printed on your letterhead. It is our understanding that the Board has placed adoption on the agenda for March 8. We would also like some time to make a short presentation, if it please you. We also expect to be on the agenda at the All-Island Selectmen's Meeting on March 10.

Following the towns' adoptions, FEMA will release the final approval, good for 5 years. One advantage of plan approval is that the Town will once again be eligible for 75% federal funding for the infrastructure projects in the plan. Based on approval of the 2008 plan, one Vineyard town was awarded about \$474,000 to retrofit a vulnerable sewer pump station.

All information and questions should be directed to Jo-Ann Taylor, who is the lead contact here at the Martha's Vineyard Commission. She may be reached at 508-693-3453 ext. 19 or taylor@mvcommission.org. Later this week, she will provide a link to the document on our website <http://www.mvcommission.org/>

Sincerely,

Adam Turner, Executive Director



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CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION
TOWN OF CHILMARK, MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE DUKES COUNTY
MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE 2015

WHEREAS, the Town of Chilmark established a Committee to prepare the Hazard Mitigation plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Chilmark, participated in the development of the DUKES COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE 2015; and

WHEREAS, the DUKES COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE 2015 contains several potential future projects to mitigate potential impacts from natural hazards in the Town of Chilmark, and

WHEREAS, a duly-noticed public meeting was held by the BOARD OF SELECTMEN on _____, 2016 for the public and municipality to review prior to consideration of this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Chilmark authorizes responsible departments and/or agencies to execute their responsibilities demonstrated in the plan, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the TOWN OF CHILMARK BOARD OF SELECTMEN formally approves and adopts the DUKES COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE 2015, in accordance with M.G.L. c. 40.

ADOPTED AND SIGNED this _____, 2016

Jonathan E. Mayhew, Chair

Warren M. Doty

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