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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Nathan Poore, Town Manager
FROM: Chief Howard Rice, Jr., Falmouth EMA Director
CC: Jay Reynolds, Parks and Public Works Director
DATE: September 13, 2011
RE: Cumberland County Hazard Mitigation Plan Adoption

The Cumberland County Emergency Management Agency (CCEMA) has received conditional approval from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) on the 2011 Cumberland County Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) update of the original 2005 Cumberland County Hazard Mitigation Plan. FEMA requires hazard mitigation plans to be updated every five years and in order to receive final plan approval, the Cumberland County Commissioners as well as the Boards of Selectmen and Councils of the 28 Cities and Towns within Cumberland County need to adopt the plan. Approval of the plan allows the municipalities within the County to become eligible for potential federal funding on mitigation grants.

This past year Falmouth EMA worked closely with CCEMA to review projects that were included in the 2005 Hazard Mitigation Plan and also look at potential new projects to be included in the 2011 plan update. Representatives from CCEMA and FEMA came to Falmouth to tour project sites with Falmouth EMA and Parks and Public Works Director Jay Reynolds. Two projects included in the 2005 plan have been completed with town funding; upsizing culvert at Woodville Road Piscataqua River Crossing and upsizing culvert on Woodville Road at the Falmouth High School. Two other projects remain on the list; upsizing culvert on Middle Road at Scittery Gussett Brook and stabilize bank to prevent coastal erosion on Shoreline Drive. The review of potential mitigation projects also led to the addition of a new project, the upsizing of the existing culvert and adding riprap on Northbrook Drive.

As part of the review of the mitigation plan, CCEMA and Falmouth EMA also reviewed recent damage done in Falmouth as well as discussed the high priority items for potential damage in our County: flooding, winter storms, wildfire, and summer storms. To predict flooding, flood maps and past damage areas are reviewed. For severe winter and summer storms a review of past emergency declarations are reviewed and for predicting wildfire damage, CCEMA works with the Maine Forest Service to review their records of past damage.

I recommend that the Falmouth Town Council adopt the 2011 Cumberland County Hazard Mitigation Plan.