

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**AGENDA ITEM IX**



**CITY OF FRANKLIN  
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

*December 2, 2013 City Council Meeting*

**From:** Richard Lewis, Director of Planning and Zoning

**Subject:** **Acceptance of the Franklin Hazard Mitigation Plan**

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**Proposed Motion:**

*"I move that the Franklin City Council approve the Resolution for the adoption of the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2013."*

**Discussion:**

For the past 2 years, City of Franklin staff has worked with representatives from the Lakes Region Planning Commission on the update to the City Hazard Mitigation Plan. The old plan was last prepared in 2006. The preparation of this update was a comprehensive process. The City was represented by the Fire and Police Chiefs, the Finance Director, the City Manager, the Planning Director, the Director of MSD, and Councilor Starkweather. Initial support and guidance came from the State Homeland Security/Emergency Management Office.

The purpose of this plan is to have at the ready a handbook to be used in the event of a natural or human-related hazard or disaster. The goal is to utilize the plan in order to reduce the negative effects from the event to the greatest degree possible and to manage the event with greater efficiency. The plan covers a variety of possible categories, ranging from floods and fires, to wind and winter weather occurrences, to health and terrorism events.

A draft was submitted to City staff for review and comment. In the spring of 2013 the final version was submitted to the State Homeland Emergency Management Office; following that review, additional revisions were made and it was then forwarded to FEMA. FEMA required some minor changes to the document and these revisions were made and it was re-submitted to FEMA for their final approval. On November 20<sup>th</sup>, the City received final approval from the Region I Office of FEMA in Boston.

The City of Franklin is lucky to have properly trained and very capable Fire and Police Departments. The implementation of this Hazard Mitigation Plan should come as a natural extension of their collective professionalism.

It is the recommendation of the Fire Chief and my office that the City Council should approve the Resolution for the adoption of the 2013 Update to the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

**Alternatives:**

The City Council can vote to not approve the Resolution for this plan update, but this will jeopardize, and maybe eliminate, the ability of the City to get certain grants or federal reimbursements for repairs resulting from storm damage.

C. **SIGNED CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION**

City of Franklin, NH  
CITY COUNCIL

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CITY OF FRANKLIN, NH HAZARD  
MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE 2013**

WHEREAS, the City of Franklin has historically experienced severe damage from natural hazards and it continues to be vulnerable to the effects of flooding, high winds, snow and ice storms, earthquake, and fire resulting in loss of property and life, economic hardship, and threats to public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, the City of Franklin has developed and received conditional approval from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for its Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2013 under the requirements of 44 CFR 201.6; and

WHEREAS, public and committee meetings were held between October 2011 and March 2013 regarding the development and review of the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update **2013**; and

WHEREAS, the Plan specifically addresses hazard mitigation strategies and Plan maintenance procedure for the City of Franklin; and

WHEREAS, the Plan recommends several hazard mitigation actions/projects that will provide mitigation for specific natural hazards that impact the City of Franklin, with the effect of protecting people and property from loss associated with those hazards; and

WHEREAS, adoption of this Plan will make the City of Franklin eligible for funding to alleviate the impacts of future hazards; now therefore be it

RESOLVED by the City Council:

1. The Plan is hereby adopted as an official plan of the City of Franklin;
2. The respective officials identified in the mitigation strategy of the Plan are hereby directed to pursue implementation of the recommended actions assigned to them;
3. Future revisions and Plan maintenance required by 44 CFR 201.6 and FEMA are hereby adopted as a part of this resolution for a period of five (5) years from the date of this resolution.
4. An annual report on the progress of the implementation elements of the Plan shall be presented to the City Council by the Emergency Management Director

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has affixed his/her signature and the corporate seal of the City Seal or Notary \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013

Ken Merrifield, Mayor \_\_\_\_\_