

**Moultonborough Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) Update Committee  
Meeting Notes  
August 1, 2012**

**In Attendance:**

Chief Bengtson	Fire Department, Emergency Management Director (EMD)
Chief Weatherbee	Police Department
Carter Terenzini	Town Administrator
Bruce Woodruff	Town Planner
Jon Tolman	Board of Selectmen
David Jeffers	Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC)
Hollis Austin	Citizen

**After Introductions, the committee reviewed the various hazards that could impact Moultonborough, focusing on the frequency of these events along with the potential impacts on the town.**

- This review considered all hazards noted in the State HMP 2010 as well as those noted in the town's 2007 HMP. The committee was asked to consider whether others should be added to the list and whether any should be deleted because they do not impact Moultonborough.
  - While there are few dams in Moultonborough and dam failure is a low probability, the dam at Castle in the Clouds and Lake Kanasatka could give way and the potential impacts are moderate. The L. Kanasatka dam is state-owned and has a Dam Emergency Plan; the other is privately owned and does not have an Emergency Plan.
  - A couple of small areas were mentioned as having the potential for landslide either due to deforestation or as a result of a gravel cut. There would be minimal impact to homes.
  - Coastal flooding and snow avalanche were viewed as not applicable to Moultonborough due to geography. Chief Bengtson stated that there are no sizable "Fixed Hazardous Material" sites in town.
  - After some discussion it was agreed that radon should be in the plan.
- The committee was asked to consider the frequency of each event. High frequency was defined as occurring at least once every couple of years, moderate frequency is once every ten years, and low is once every 100 years.
- The Committee also discussed the potential impacts of an event on the structures, people, and the community's ability to respond.
  - While flooding occurs frequently in a few areas, it is quite limited in its impact.
  - Wildfires have been very infrequent. Due to limited development and logging, the impact of a fire on Red Hill would be minimal.

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- Due to geography, fuel load, high density, high property values, and limited access, a fire on Long Island would be substantial.
- High winds that take down branches, trees, and power lines are frequent.
  - Lightning strikes that cause damage are high frequency; Chief Weatherbee and Chief Bengtson pointed out that both EMS and society in general is now more dependent upon electronics for communications and other aspects of response. This year the Police Department had to replace most of their computers because of a lightning strike. Based on Code Red phone registrations, nearly 60% of homeowners in Moultonborough use a cell phone as their primary communication. Damage to one of the communications towers could hamper response efforts.
  - While a pandemic/epidemic certainly could impact the community, Chief Bengtson pointed out that regional preparedness efforts have improved significantly in the past five years.

**The committee also reviewed the list of Existing Protections from the 2007 HMP. Members clarified whether these plans, regulations, or policies are still in place, have been modified, or are no longer pertinent. Some new protections were also noted.**

- Most of the Zoning and Subdivision Regulations are still in place. B. Woodruff will review and clarify a couple of particular elements. The town does now have a Steep Slopes Ordinance.
- Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid is the supplementary communications system.
- Items removed:
  - Churchwood from “Sewer/Water Service”
  - Notification regarding septic systems
  - Staffing of Red Hill fire tower
  - Cell tower on M’boro Neck is completed
  - Regional HazMat truck is no longer stationed in Moultonborough
- There were some adjustments in percent certifications and staffing figures.
- The LRCT and Moultonborough Snowmobile trails have been mapped.
- The EOP was updated in 2009.
- There are generators in the Town Hall and the Transfer Station but not the Rec. Department.
- The Public Works Director has training in Debris Management.

**Committee members were asked to review the list of 27 Mitigation Actions developed for the 2007 HMP. At the next meeting they will be asked to state whether the action has 1) been completed, 2) should be deleted**

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(because it is no longer pertinent), or 3) should be deferred (because it is pertinent but has not been completed yet).

- As C. Terenzini will be unable to make the next meeting, he pointed to three unimplemented Mitigation Actions from the 2007 list which he views as not workable solutions.
  - Develop a septic system maintenance/inspection/education program
  - Develop a private roads agreement and maintenance plan
  - Local sprinkler and life safety ordinance

**The public was asked to provide input.**

- H. Austin inquired about when public input would be taken. Chief Bengtson pointed out that input from members of the public regarding elements of the plan is welcome throughout the meeting. Future agendas will specify opportunities for public input. Mr. Austin also requested that the door to the meeting room be left open make it clear to people passing by that the meeting is open to the public.
- As EMD, Chief Bengtson is the head of this committee. The HMP Update Committee is responsible for updating this plan, LRPC will develop a draft of the plan which will be reviewed and edited by the committee. This draft will be put out for public review and comment. The revised plan will be sent to NH HESM and FEMA for review and confirmation that the plan incorporates all of the FEMA-required elements. The final plan must be adopted by the Board of Selectmen to ensure that the town is eligible to receive FEMA funds.
- D. Jeffers and Chief Bengtson reiterated that the hazard mitigation plan is required to be updated every five years and that the funds to do this work come from FEMA through NHHSEM. LRPC has a contract with HSEM to work with many of their 30 municipalities. There is no direct cost to the town other than staff time and no funds come through the town.
- People were also reminded that the town has set up a good webpage for the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update [http://www.moultonborough.org/Pages/MoultonboroughNH\\_BComm/Hazard%20Mitigation%20Index](http://www.moultonborough.org/Pages/MoultonboroughNH_BComm/Hazard%20Mitigation%20Index) where the existing plan, agendas, and other pertinent information can be found.
- H. Austen reported that citizen video of these meetings can be accessed on the web at MoultonboroSpeaks.

**Next meeting:** 8/8/12 at 9:00 AM in the Ernest Davis Meeting Room in the Moultonborough Town Hall. The public is encouraged to attend and participate.

Notes submitted by D. Jeffers 8/3/12