

MINUTES

Bethel Emergency Management Committee

Wednesday October 1, 2014

2:00 PM

Bethel Town Offices

1. Call to Order

Town Manager/EMD called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM. Present were: Keith Arlund, Abbie Sherman, Carla Hodgdon, Lynn Thomas, David Aldrighetti, Rob Hyde, and Samantha Holcomb (Two Rivers).

2. Sam Holcomb TRORC Second session for update of the Bethel Hazard Mitigation Plan. a. Hazard Assessment

Sam Holcomb briefed the committee on the process of Hazard Assessment and the ranking of various hazard events by frequency, warning time anticipated and potential impact. Once a total score for each event was calculated the group discussed and identified four hazard events that will be addressed in detail in new Hazard Mitigation Plan. (A copy of the rating form and numerical ranking index is attached.)

Sam Holcomb will draft the detailed assessment and plan for each of the four events and distribute to committee members.

b. Review previous work session

Sam Holcomb reviewed the Status Update on Mitigation Actions identified in the 2009 Hazard Mitigation Plan that was completed in the first working session on July 7, 2014.

3. Brief report on the Annual Vermont Emergency Preparedness Conference-Town Manager

Keith Arlund reported on his attendance at the annual VEM Conference September 18, 2014. He contacted Rob Schell from the State to indicate the town's desire to implement the new VT Alert System. Mr. Schell will attend a meeting of the committee to present the information about the system and assist the town in preparing for its use. The system was developed in New York and is being made available to the State of Vermont and municipalities as a means to deliver various emergency alerts to its citizens.

4. Other business

Lynn Thomas asked about the status of Local Emergency Operations Plan. Keith Arlund reported that the new format plan was completed and filed with Two Rivers Planning Commission and VEM. He generally described the document and provided copies of the template for review.

5. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 PM.

Hazard	Frequency of Occurrence	Warning Time	Potential Impact	Hazard Score
Flash Flood/Flood/Fluvial Erosion	3.5	2	2	7.5
Severe Weather (Thunderstorm, Lightning, High Wind, Hail, and Flooding) *Note: We have defined 'Severe Weather' to include two or more of the above hazards.	4	2	2	8
Hail Storms	2	3	1	6
Landslides/Mudslides/Rockslides	1	4	1.5	6.5
Hurricanes/Tropical Storms	2.5	1	3	6.5
Wildfire	3	4	1	8
Extreme Cold/Snow/Ice Storm	4	1	1	6
Structural Fire	3	4	2	9
Water Supply Contamination	2	4	1	7
Dam Failure	N/A			
Ice Jams	2	3	1	6
Drought	1	1	1	3
Earthquake	1	4	1	6
Hazardous Material Spill	3	4	2	9
Extreme Heat	1	1	1	3
Tornado	1	4	2	7
Invasive Species/Infestation	1	1	1	3

Frequency of Occurrence: Probability

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| 1 = Unlikely | <1% probability of occurrence in the next 100 years (less than 1 occurrence in 100 years) |
| 2 = Occasionally | 1–10% probability of occurrence per year, or at least 1 chance in next 100 years
(1 to 10 occurrences in 100 years) |
| 3 = Likely | >10% but <100% probability per year (at least 1 chance in next 10 years) |
| 4 = Highly Likely | 100% probable in a year (an annual occurrence) |

Warning Time: Amount of time generally given to alert people to hazard

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| 1 = More than 12 hours |
| 2 = 6–12 hours |
| 3 = 3–6 hours |
| 4 = None–Minimal |

Potential Impact: Severity and extent of damage and disruption

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| 1 = Negligible | Isolated occurrences of minor property damage, minor disruption of critical facilities and infrastructure, and potential for minor injuries |
| 2 = Minor | Isolated occurrences of moderate to severe property damage, brief disruption of critical facilities and infrastructure, and potential for injuries |
| 3 = Moderate | Severe property damage on a neighborhood scale, temporary shutdown of critical facilities, and/or injuries or fatalities |
| 4 = Major | Severe property damage on a town-wide or regional scale, shutdown of critical facilities, and/or multiple injuries or fatalities |