



TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN 2020 Update

Community Meeting #1
June 24, 2020

Welcome and Introductions

- I. **Introductory Remarks**
- II. **Participant introductions:**

Your name

One thing you love about living in Bridgewater

Why are you interested in mitigation planning?

What is Hazard Mitigation Planning?

- Natural or human-caused hazards
- Community five-year plan
- Identify policies and actions to reduce risk and future losses.
- Plan content requirements from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
- Mitigation versus:
 - Preparedness
 - Response
 - Recovery



Benefits of Planning

- Must have FEMA-approved plan to qualify for:
 - FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funding
 - Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) program funding
 - Supplemental state funding after a disaster
- Other benefits:
 - Focus Town resources on addressing needs in cost-effective ways
 - Build partnerships and capacity
 - Education and awareness
 - Communicate Town priorities to state and federal officials
 - Align risk reduction with other community priorities.
 - Can inform the flood resilience element of the Town Plan

What's in a Plan?

- Community Profile
- Process of plan development and maintenance
- Status update on previous plan's implementation
- Overview of Town's existing mitigation policies and activities
- Hazard identification and risk assessment
- In-depth discussion of “top hazards”
- Mitigation goals and strategies
- And once plan is approved by FEMA...
 - Formal FEMA approval letter
 - Resolution signed by the Selectboard

2020 Update Process

- Current plan dates to 2015, expires 2020
- 3 Community Meetings
 - Meeting 1 (Today!)
 - Evaluating community hazards and risk
 - Evaluating Town assets and capabilities
 - Status Update on 2015 Mitigation Actions
 - Meeting 2
 - Data update discussions
 - Identify mitigation strategies and discuss implementation
 - Meeting 3
 - Review draft plan

Hazards Identification & Risk Assessment

Rankings from the 2015 LHMP

Dam Failure

Ice Jams

Landslides /
Mudslides /
Rockslides

Extreme Cold /
Snow / Ice Storm

Hurricanes/
Tropical
Storms

Wildfire /
Brushfire

Earthquake

Invasive
Species /
Infestation

Hazardous
Material Spill

Tornado

Hail Storms

Structural Fire

Drought

Extreme Heat Flash Flood / Flood /
Fluvial Erosion Severe
Weather*

←
Unlikely

Occasionally

Likely

Highly Likely →

Not applicable: Water Supply Contamination

Town Assets & Capabilities

(See Document)

Status Update on 2015 Mitigation Strategies

(See Document)

Wrap-Up

Questions?

To sign up for future meeting
announcements, please contact

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