

February 21, 2024

The second LHMP (All Hazard Mitigation Plan) was held at 8 a.m. and closed at 10:15 a.m. Present at the meeting were:

Noel Ford; Philip Brooks, EMD; Ashley Fontaine, Glover EMS; Adam Heuslein, Glover EMS; Elizabeth Nelson; Michael Pray, Road Crew Supervisor; Ann Creaven; Cindy Epinette, Town Clerk; and Theresa Perron, Town Administrator.

The meeting began by introducing the speakers: Adam, Job Breitmeyer (did not attend) Mike, and Cindy. Noel Ford wanted these key players, who typically would be involved in an emergency situation, to give their input on the Mitigation Plan and any concerns they may have about the existing plan and ideas for the updated version.

Adam brought up concerns that the All-Hazard Mitigation Plan does not include every possible hazard situation. It doesn't address increased traffic on Rte. 16 if a town business catching on fire or a bridge is destroyed by flood. He wants to know, "What's the plan for traffic?" He addressed page 7 & 8 being outdated. It was suggested to him that the plan was last updated in 2017, and it is our job to update it now. That is what these meetings are about.

Adam brought up the fact that there is a creamery in West Glover on the Young farm that there may be some concerns with knowing what chemicals are on sight in case of an emergency and they get dispatched to that farm. He said the State Police need to be listed as emergency services on page 8 and they are not.

Adam acknowledged concerns with the spring behind Gonyaw's that goes under 16 and the town green to supply sprinkler water to the Union House. The Glover water company that once supported 20 some-odd homes in Glover is on Dexter Mountain and now supplies possibly 10, is it protected and who does the maintenance. We agreed more information about the water supply, needs to be had. Adam mentioned there is a spring in Barton, located on Griffin's Place off Stevens Road, that supplies water to three residents in West Glover including the farm. Adam's main concern about these water sheds is, are they protected from vandalism and is there maintenance?

The next issue Adam brought up was the need for a generator at the ambulance bay. After brainstorming, it was suggested to investigate a grant for both the ambulance bay and the town clerk's office. The thought being, that during a hazard event, electricity is must at both locations. Adam's last thought was to increase the size of the maps and diagrams, so they are readable. He suggested that we plan to pick a scenario and call together key players and drill that scenario. He wants everyone to keep in mind that the repeater site should be listed as a vulnerable site. Adam discussed the school's accessibility as a shelter and the logistics to that. Theresa said she plans to make phone calls to the superintendent.

Cindy discussed the use of two Town Constables verbiage on page 8 paragraph three. The decision to remove it was made. Liz Nelson raised the question about the safety protocol of B&Bs.

Noel asked the question, "How do we get the key entities (fire department, ambulance, road crew), to work together on this plan?" "For example, he hopes Mike can come up with projections for climate change that will increase the amount of atmosphere water, and this makes sense for long

term planning. He mentions the four corners in West Glover and how do we protect the Ambulance Building over the long term of things.

Phil Brooks spoke for the Fire Department and stated there are changes to the resources and should be listed in the plan. What are they and list them. He offered to provide that information. He suggested setting up a scenario of a hazard and we use the Mitigation Plan to discuss how we are going to handle that plan.

Lemp is a contact information plan. Who do we call? It's in the Lemp Plan. He suggested to table a scenario with a group and use the Lemp plan to make decisions, and formulate a strategy together as a team?

Phil said the fire department has been steady. They are getting ready to submit a grant for a fire truck. Phil mentioned the equipment and the fire department needs. He mentions the structure of the fire department has changed and he is the treasurer. He is working on a 5-year plan for securing a truck. He was asked about training and replied that they train on a regular basis. Phil said It is challenging, trying to get people to come to the trainings because of the hours. The "Firefighters One" training is a great certification training of 180 hours, and Phil recommends it to anyone coming onto the department.

Mike thought the flood incident was handled very well by the road crew. He needs to make deeper ditches and bigger culverts to handle the water flow and it all takes money. People do not like the deep ditches, but it needs to happen to avoid the washouts. Bigger projects are done by grants that he writes. Parker road is problematic with water drainage coming from the field into the road ditches and the culverts not able to handle it. He talked about the 404 Plan that could potentially be applied for to mitigate some areas such as the mud slide area. Cindy asked, "could there be a retaining wall for that area." Phil suggested that is the items that need to be in the plan, not every little detail of insignificant incidents but to include the larger events such as the land slide.

Cindy described the LEMP plan having who to contact, where the shelter is going to be and emergency numbers. When things start to happen, this is contact information list and the town clerk's office is the command center. This plan will be revised the week after Town Meeting Day.

Liz brought up the concerns about conversations with the school and superintendent and the importance of having the conversation about the school as a shelter. Theresa said she would contact the schools.

A next meeting will be planned, and notification will be on the website.

Theresa Perron, Town Administrator