

North Providence Hazard Mitigation Planning Meeting March 10, 2015, 10:00am Public Safety Complex, 1951 Mineral Spring Ave.

Meeting Minutes- March 31, 2015

In attendance:

Bob Howe-EMA Director

Frank Bursie- Dir. All Special Projects, Deputy EMA Director

David Westcott- Town Planner Carissa Lord- CDR Maguire

Items discussed:

An unknown scheduling conflict prevented more people from attending the meeting but we were thankful for the committee members that were able to advance our efforts.

After welcoming Frank Bursie to the group and briefing him on the previous meeting, we reviewed the hazards of concern worksheet that was created previously. The committee's ranking of hazards and their impacts did not change but this allowed for a fresh review of why this plan is being written.

The next item on the agenda was to discuss critical infrastructure and community assets. Carissa Lord brought a pre-populated draft of the matrix using information gathered from the previous meeting and review of the town's Comprehensive Plan. There are many areas in North Providence that are subject to street flooding. A few of the reasons for the flooding include: low topography, development near stream/rivers that swell, undersized culverts, lack of runoff retention areas, and impervious areas. The group also identified dams, care facilities, critical infrastructure, reservoirs, recreational facilities, historic resources, and school.

At the next meeting, we will propose mitigation actions to reduce the risk of damage or impairment to these identified facilities and populations.

Meeting notices will be posted on the Town's website, inviting public participation.

The next meeting will be April 28th at 8:30am at the Public Safety Complex on Mineral Spring Ave.