

## **January 16, 2020 Meeting West Newbury Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness**

Present Ellie Baker & Jonah Sprocton, H-W; Rick Parker, Wendy Reed, Paul Sevigny, Chip Wallace, Elisa Grammer, WN MVP Working Group

### Workshop invitations

The group signed off on the language in the invitations—Ellie Baker will use evite to send them out under Rick Parker's email Friday morning. Evite will show who has RSVP'd yes or no and the Core Team will receive invitations. As to invitees, it was agreed that more than one high school student would be welcome. Also, Paul Sevigny will reach out to Jack Foley of West Newbury Youth Sports and we will look for a better invitee email for Nourish the North Shore. Elisa Grammer will try to determine the person from town water supply consultants Tata & Howard. Additional invitations can subsequently be sent with evite.

### Four climate change hazards

Ellie Baker explained that the state MVP template requires that we identify four Hazards that then are used in a matrix to summarize and focus workshop participants' discussions on the town's strengths and vulnerabilities regarding these hazards, and potential actions to be taken. The survey and interviews done to date in West Newbury often noted problems (such as power outages) that are not per se the Hazard but rather the consequence.

After discussion, the group identified the following Hazards:

- Storms (causing power outages, impassable roads, etc)
- Changes in precipitation (rain, snow, ice) pattern (causing drought and deluge, water contamination, harm to water supplies, etc)
- Disease vectors & invasives (causing Lyme disease, EEE, etc; plant and animal invasives like Japanese knotwood)
- Temperature extremes (endangering vulnerable populations, agriculture, etc)

### Workshop mechanics

Ellie Baker reviewed the agenda for the workshop, explaining the role of the facilitator and note taker and the events of the day. Wendy Reed agreed to do the opening welcome and Rick Parker will do the wrap up.

### Considering town structure to seek grants post MVP certification

In terms of thanking workshop participants and providing assurance that the town will take this further with MVP grants, the group agreed that we should tentatively come up with a structure—a committee, continuation of MVP Working Group, town point person, etc—to carry on with this. It could be that the Energy Advisory Committee would become the Sustainability Committee to take this on.

### Next steps/ to do

- H-W and others will see if Lee Ann Delp or others have photos of storms in WN
- The Core Team needs to review H-W's draft presentation, which is in this Dropbox folder <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/yj38y6391ap1vg3/AACR9myuH7jJal6tSQkxH-e6a?dl=0>
- Ellie Baker will send out a doodle to determine a time for another planning meeting the week of February 10 or February 3
- Core Team members will check the evite site here [https://www.evite.com/event/0278NNOI76DW6A2EIEPKHEW5XMEEYU/guestlist?gid=029CTO5VN3MSKYDR4EPKHEZXMLHES4&utm\\_campaign=rsvp\\_now\\_bt&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=GUEST\\_INVITE\\_EVENT&utm\\_content=](https://www.evite.com/event/0278NNOI76DW6A2EIEPKHEW5XMEEYU/guestlist?gid=029CTO5VN3MSKYDR4EPKHEZXMLHES4&utm_campaign=rsvp_now_bt&utm_medium=email&utm_source=GUEST_INVITE_EVENT&utm_content=) to further encourage participation on the part of the invitees under their charge