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THE TOWN OF EASTON COMMENCES HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING

The Easton Emergency Management Director (EMD) met with June Garneau of Mapping and Planning Solutions and other team members from Easton on April 5, 2022, to work on the required five-year update of the **2016 Easton Hazard Mitigation Plan**. The Town and Mapping and Planning Solutions are conducting a series of Hazard Mitigation meetings to develop the plan over the next few months.

During these public meetings, the planning team will address natural, technological, and human-caused hazards such as Inland Flooding, Long-Term Utility Outage, and Transport Accidents; the team will also determine “Action Items” to help mitigate the effects of these hazards. The team will also review shelter sites and the need for generators at those sites.

By examining critical infrastructure and key resources, along with past hazards, the team will establish priorities for future mitigation projects and steps that can be taken to increase public awareness of hazards in general.

As mandated by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, all municipalities must complete a local Hazard Mitigation Plan to qualify for Federal Emergency Management Administration funding should a natural disaster occur. The planning processes are made possible by grants from FEMA.

The Hazard Mitigation Planning Team is currently being formed. Easton citizens and any interested stakeholders are invited to participate. Future meetings are scheduled on **Tuesday nights from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM** via “Zoom” on **May 3, May 24, June 7, July 5, and July 12**. The public is encouraged to attend all meetings. To be included in the process, all interested parties should contact Ned Cutler, EMD, by email at eastonnhemd@gmail.com. Interested parties will be added to the Zoom meeting invitation list.

More information on the hazard mitigation planning process is available from June Garneau at Mapping and Planning Solutions, jgarneau@mappingandplanning.com.