

Emergency Preparedness / Flood Task Force -- Minutes
Monday, August 26th, 2013 7:30, Village Hall

Present:

Frank Haggerty
Karnn Dunn

Trustee Stephanie Hawkins
Mayor Ralph Falloon

Absent: John Dunn, Jean-Pierre Siebel, Jonna Granata, Barney Molloy

Property Inventory & Resident List / Email Lists / Phone Lists – Frank Haggerty proposed alternatives to mandatory resident inventory: a phased system of warnings. Ralph Falloon underscored the value to emergency services professionals an inventory of residents with special needs. Ralph referred to an existing Putnam County tool used to poll this information. Karnn Dunn suggested ways to promote the form to Village residents (email, notice in the paper). Ralph said the County relies on each municipality to collect the information. Ralph said each municipality faxes the form to the County for the County to input into its own records. In lieu of making it a legal requirement that people register this information, Ralph suggested that residents be asked to sign a statement in evidence of having received the Emergency Preparedness Response Guidelines the task force is putting together to share with residents. At this time mandatory registration is not something the task force wants to the Village to pursue.

ACTION: Ralph asked for someone to spearhead each individual project. Frank Haggerty was asked to be the person to follow up and be Project Manager. Ralph suggested the Task Force prepare a binder of useful tools.

Household Emergency Response Plan – All agree this should be useful regardless of location in the Village. Karnn reported that she is preparing a guide based on a 72-Hour Emergency Plan.

Check Valves – Ralph reported that Water Superintendent, Greg Phillips advised that check valves are not advised in a gravity fed waste system like Cold Spring's. Check valves may be installed at individual residences. Stephanie Hawkins said Greg described check valves as eing required in any new construction.

Warming Stations – Philipstown Community Center in Garrison has facilities to accommodate overnight guests, provide sanitary facilities, and use electricity. Ralph confirmed that this is not technically a "shelter" because it does not provide medical facilities.

ACTION Ralph will prepare an EAP for Cold Spring

Sandbags - Karnn asked about the Village providing sand & bags, and/or filled sandbags. Ralph said the Task Force has to develop a policy about sand bags. Ralph said expectations need to be managed because each resident has his / her own ability to do this kind of work. Karnn asked that Haldane organize students to fill sandbags.

Issues that need a Policy on the question of services:

Sandbags,
Evacuations,
Fire department pumping out basements,
Resident inventory.
Central Hudson Power Service
Hazardous Environment Policy

Next Meeting: Monday, September 16th, Village Hall 7:30