

Emergency Preparedness / Flood Task Force -- Minutes

Monday, September 16th, 2013 ~ 8:15PM Village Hall

Present:

Jonna Granata
Karnn Dunn
Barney Molloy
Tom Campanile

Frank Haggerty
Trustee Stephanie Hawkins
Mayor Ralph Falloon

Absent: Jean-Pierre Siebel

72-Hour Emergency Kit – Karnn Dunn passed out a draft emergency kit list and described the need for it. Karnn said it's important to distinguish between a disaster and an emergency. Karnn suggested that a Village-wide meeting be held to promote awareness of emergency preparedness. Stephanie Hawkins suggested enlisting review from Cold Spring Fire Company No. 1. Ralph Falloon said he has reached out to the Chief of the Fire Company for his recommendations of what residents ought to know/do to best help the first responders from the Fire Company.

Emergency Preparedness Survey Questionnaire – Frank Haggerty prepared and distributed a questionnaire for residents to provide feedback on emergency preparedness. Frank said the survey is intended to accompany the Putnam County Disability / Special Needs Form.

Sandbags -- Tom Campanile of local Cub Scouts (1st grade thru 5th grade) den attended the Task Force Meetings and said the Cub / Boy Scouts would like to provide community service in the form of sandbag-preparation, and other emergency preparation within their skill set. Tom asked for names/contact information for people on the Task Force. Karnn asked if there's a merit badge for community service and preparedness. Ralph suggested that the older scouts might be able to participate in development of the 72-Hour Emergency Preparedness. Tom suggested that scouts in other areas of Town could be available to support the other areas of Philipstown.

ACTION: Stephanie will provide Tom with names/contact information for members of the Task Force.

Putnam County Disability / Special Need Form – Ralph shared the form that Putnam County maintains. Ralph suggested that the Village maintain the information in its own records and maintain it. Barney Molloy asked if this form had been shared with the senior demographic. Ralph confirmed that the form was not pro-actively distributed. Barney asked if the building profile details on the County Form could be asked for/collected by the Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer.

Hazard Mitigation Plan – Ralph said the County has prepared an HMP and will continue to elaborate on it. Ralph said he is preparing a Village-specific Emergency Action Plan that originates in an EAP for Lower main, but can be scaled up to address other areas of the Village. Ralph said that the whole task force needs to contribute to the EAP for the Village in order that the needs of Village residents are addressed (e.g. identifying local command post(s) that work for the Village of Cold Spring). Barney asked whether Haldane should be approached to make use of their facilities in the event of an emergency. Ralph said that in some situations the commanding emergency personnel can be the Police, the Fire Company, or even Central Hudson – depending.

ACTION: Ralph said he will continue to work on the Village EAP and enlist the Task Force's contributions.

NY ALERT – Stephanie asked if the NY Alert program could be used by the Village of Cold Spring to reach its residents. Ralph said NY Alert can be customized with content specific to the Village of Cold Spring. Different 'groups' can be notified.

ACTION: Ralph said he will ask NY Alert to meet with the Task Force.

Communication –Jonna Granata suggested that students at Haldane be enlisted to help residents become aware of the importance of the Emergency Kit. Stephanie asked if the Schools can encourage NY Alert Sign Up in its send-home packages and email blasts.

ACTION: Stephanie said she will ask Superintendent Villanti, to consider including in the email blasts from the school encouragement to parents to sign up for NY Alert. Stephanie said she will ask Nancy Montgomery and John Van Tassel to promote NY Alert at the Town level as a means to promote community-wide sign up and awareness. Stephanie said will ask Nancy, John and Amber Stickle for status of the Red Cross POD of emergency supplies.

Next Meeting: Monday, September 30th, Village Hall 7:00PM