

Planning Commission Meeting Started 5:00 Ended 7:06

Planning Commission Wendy Manners-Chair, Vince Rice, John Lebron, Ryan Bartlett

Select Board Diane Chapman-Chair, Tom Fitzgerald, John Gannon, Jake White

DRB Peter Wallace-Chair, Fred Houston, Meg Streeter

Agency of Natural Resources John Broker-Campbell-Flood Plain Mgt, Josh Carvajal-River Mgt Engineer

Others Craig Ohlson-ZA, Lenny Chapman, Chris May, Adam Grinold

This Meeting was devoted to the Agency of Natural Resources Rivers Program Presentation

Some things we learned:

Wilmington is receiving only 12.5% instead of the possible 17.5% from a River Corridor Protection Plan.

4% of all Wilmington structures (97) are in the Flood Hazard Corridor

Wilmington currently has not seen any development in the flood plains or river corridors

State road culverts are built to 100yr flood size, towns are built to 25yr flood size which will setup for failure

Dover/Mt Snow is doing some controlled damming which is approved by the ANR and may improve the flooding situation.

In previous years VT had under \$8 million in flood claims, in 2011 there was \$50 million

The northeast is experiencing a 67% increase in severe weather events while 10-20% is in other parts of the country

The town bridge is a costly problem no one wants to take responsibility for (State or Town)

Conclusion:

We need: A River Corridor Protection Plan to claim the full 17.5%

Possibly new created controlled flood plains if suitable locations are available, berms, the planting of fixed objects in the flood plains (barriers) to impede flood waters

Replacing 25yr flood culverts with 100yr flood culverts

A way of breaking up Ice Jams to prevent or lessen seasonal flooding

Clean up stream banks. Len Chapman suggested removing deadwood and loose material which will float and create jams in the next flood

The Town Bridge and Ice Jams and how they contributes to flooding should be in the Hazard Mitigation Plan which would be eligible for Hazard Mitigation Plan Funds

The ANR would like the town to work with owners to get voluntary compliance with strapping things down and away from the rivers (i.e. propane tanks, hay bales, logs, hazardous materials etc.) as well as moving utilities at least 2 ft above the BFE (Base Flood Elevation) or higher. Also, when a business or home is especially poorly located the ANR recommends a town buy-out.

Ryan Bartlett motioned, Wendy Manners 2nded to adjourn at 7:06

Next meeting 12/28/15

Respectfully submitted

Vince Rice