

**SHARON SELECTBOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
MAY 20, 2021**

MINUTES (Final)

*This meeting was held in compliance with the Vermont
Open Meeting Law with Electronic and Telephonic Participation*

Participating via Zoom: Selectboard members Joe Ronan, Mary Gavin; Margy Becker (SB Assistant), Fire Chief Nathan Potter, Emergency Co-Coordinator Rebecca Owens and Susan Root; Facilitators: Threat Owl, LLC Consultants Shawna Pinette and Bill Raymond. Selectboard Members Absent: Kevin Gish

Call to Order: The Chair convened the meeting at 6:30PM.

Review and Discuss Hazard Mitigation Plan:

The Town is in the process of revising its Hazard Mitigation Plan to satisfy FEMA requirements for maximum federal and/or state share of assistance during natural disasters. The focus of this type of plan is to identify ways the Town can lessen, prevent, or mitigate the worst impacts from disasters. Threat Owl team members began the planning meeting with a brief review of the hazards ranking completed April 22.

Discussions then focused on a review of 2009, 2015, and 2021 mitigation actions. Mitigation actions were updated, added, or deleted from the list. Examples of mitigation activities that were discussed included the following:

- ID tree hazards (re: prevention of power outages; keep evacuation routes open)
- Notice of construction ordinance
- Sharon Fire Dept. plans for evacuation routes per hazard (“SOP” books)
- Water sources for structure fires in vicinity of Village
- Dry wells/fire ponds on private lands
- SFD ongoing hazmat training
- Develop pre-plan for access points to railroad south of Village (chemical spills, etc)
- Wildfire prevention plans for west side of White River (via Honey Brook Rd and Wildlife Mgmt Area)
- Continued attendance at Windsor Cty Local Emergency Preparedness meetings
- Advocate for updated FEMA flood study of White River
- Add disease outbreak to list for mitigation actions/develop SOP’s for same
- Consider energy resiliency planning/prepare for major grid outages
- MI-FI boxes from cell carriers/ID LPE hot spots

Shawna Pinette congratulated team members for participating in review meetings. This is the last meeting prior to preparation of the draft plan by Threat Owl. There will be an additional meeting requested for review and/or adoption of the final plan.

Mary Gavin made the motion to adjourn at 7:40PM. Joe Ronan seconded. The motion carried 2-0-0 in favor. (Submitted by Margy Becker)