

Public Meeting Notice

Updating the Hazard Mitigation Plan

What should the Town be doing to help our community prepare for if we were to have an extreme storm or other natural disaster (i.e. hurricane, ice storm, or forest fire)? Just recall the flash flooding we have seen in Leominster, MA and Montpelier, VT over the summer. What if that was to happen in Hinsdale? What can we do in the next five years to help reduce major damage?

The Select Board appointed a group of volunteers to the Town's Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee (HMPC). With a grant from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) the Committee is working with a consulting firm to update our [2019 Hazard Mitigation Plan](#).

The updated plan must be approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and adopted by the Town. This document is then used when we apply for pre- and post-disaster hazard mitigation grant funds. Public participation is essential to the development of a Hazard Mitigation Plan that represents the interests of all residents and mitigates risk to all natural hazards and the impacts of climate change.

The Select Board and HMPC hopes you will join first of two Public Meetings on December 13, 2023, at 6:30 pm. We shall then incorporate the thoughts and feedback Hinsdale Residents and Business Owners about the Town's greatest risks and the areas of Town most susceptible to damage, and what you would like to see done to mitigate these risks?

Please join our first of two Public Meetings on December 13, 2023, at 6:30 pm. The Meeting will be held in-person at the Selectboard Meeting and via Zoom

- Wednesday, December 13, 2023
- 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
- In-Person at the Selectboard Meeting or on Zoom
- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86808914980?pwd=Z2ovcUVZaENGWG5oVTVZL1pRdHFRZz09>
 - Meeting ID: 868 0891 4980
 - Passcode: 067906

For questions regarding this plan, please contact Bob Graves, Town Administrator, 413-655-2300, x355 or town.administrator@hinsdalema.gov.