



CITY OF CONCORD

REPORT TO THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Daniel L. Andrus, Fire Chief

DATE: June 27, 2017

SUBJECT: Report from the Fire Chief on the City Hazard Mitigation Plan Revision

Recommendation

The Fire Department recommends that the City Council accept this report on the revision of the City's Hazard Mitigation Plan and approve the accompanying resolution formally adopting the plan.

Background

Title 44 Part 201.1 of the Code of Federal Regulations requires "State, local, and Indian tribal governments to identify the natural hazards that impact them, to identify actions and activities to reduce any losses from those hazards, and to establish a coordinated process to implement the plan, taking advantage of a wide range of resources." The City completed its first plan in 2006, and its second plan in 2012. Section 201.3 requires that plans be updated every five years.

In August of 2016, a steering committee for plan revision was convened under the direction of the Fire Chief and with technical assistance provided by Ms. Stephanie Alexander of the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission. The members of the committee included:

Deputy Director Phil Bilodeau, General Services Department
City Planner Heather Shank, Community Development Department
Lieutenant Michael Pearl, Police Department
Dr. Yingchun Zhou, Engineering Services, Community Development Department
City Engineer Ed Roberge, Community Development Department
Mr. Matt Cashman, Concord School District
Mr. Fred Reagan, Merrimack Valley School District

The committee met several times until April of 2017 to revise the plan. The revised plan and the associated maps were made available for a public review held in the City Council Chambers on May 10, 2017. Several City staff members and the chairs of various boards were also invited to participate in the plan review process.

The plan was transmitted to the New Hampshire Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management on May 19, 2017 and received approval in June 2017. Copies of the plan are available at the City Clerk's Office, the Concord Public Library, and Fire Headquarters. An electronic copy of the plan has also been made available on the City's web site. The final step in the process is adoption by the City Council. Adoption of the plan will assure that the City remains eligible for federal funding for hazard mitigation projects.

Discussion

The Fire Department will continue to work closely with the other City departments involved in the plan and provide updates as significant milestones are achieved.