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Fire Department

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REPORT TO MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Sean W. Brown, Fire Chief

DATE: May 6, 2021

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

Recommendation

The Fire Department requests that the Council accept this report.

Background

The City Council adopted the current version of the City's Hazard Mitigation Plan in 2017. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requires plans to be updated and resubmitted every five years for the City to retain its eligibility to apply for pre- and post-disaster mitigation grants for projects which prepare for and allow recovery from natural and human caused events.

The Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission will once again provide technical assistance for the revision of the plan, as it has done for the plan updates of 2007, 2012, and 2017. A team of City employees and other community stakeholders will work with Commission staff to revise the plan. There is no dollar cost to the City for this update, nor are there any grant funds flowing to the City. FEMA, through the New Hampshire Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, provides \$15,000 to the Commission for the work, while a \$5,000 "soft match" on the City's part is met entirely through the labor provided by City staff.

Discussion

The Fire Department will advise the City Council of any significant developments with regard to this planning process and will anticipate submitting a document for Council approval in late 2022 or early 2023.