

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT MTG**  
**February 6, 2014**  
**Town Street Firehouse**  
**7:00 PM**  
**Special Meeting Minutes**  
**DRAFT**

Present: Craig Mansfield, Jennifer Spencer, Joe Szczech, Emmet Lyman, Shawn Daigle (Arrived 725PM) Dean Anderson (arrived 720), Rich Toolan and Robert Bennett.

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Emmett Lyman, seconded by Jiffy Spencer to approve the August 8, 2013 minutes (typo corrected). Motion passed with Rich Toolan abstaining.

**BUDGET DISCUSSION**

Craig provided the group with the proposed 2014-15 Emergency Management budget. The one unknown that remains is around the KX Emergency Communications budget. Craig noted that we have received a quote of approx. \$60,000 for next year but none of the CEO's have signed onto the agreement to date.

**RADIO UPDATE**

The Radio Committee will be meeting this month. We have received license for 4 freq's and continue to work with the State of CT on the MT Parnassus Tower.

**CERT / OTHER TRAINING CLASSES:**

Jiffy to work with Steve and John to coordinate a CERT training class in the next month or two. We have to spend the Training money we were approved for ASAP.

On March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7PM East Haddam Emergency Management in conjunction with the State of CT DEMHS will be hosting a training class for residents on Financial Recovery during Disasters. The training helps users identify and organize key financial records and serves as a quick reference to their most important financial documents. Also covered is how to prepare yourself for a disaster. There will be many FREE hand out, for what and how to do it. The course is FREE and takes 1 hour.

Please RSVP to Jiffy if you can attend.

## **TRAFFIC PLAN FOR RT 82 CONSTRUCTION**

Craig provided the group with an update/overview of the RT 82 bridge repair project. RT 82 will be closed on April 15 and reopen no later than November 1, 2014. The state detour will be RT 149 to Moodus Center and then back down RT 151 (Town Street).

Craig informed the group that the detour affects one route for the School buses. This is being addressed by the BOE and the bus company.

The group discussed a local traffic plan knowing that most people will not follow the State detour but will use the Town roads as a cut through.

Areas of concern include the following:

- Porges Road – Road very narrow and not designed to handle traffic other than for local residents.
- Intersection of Landing Hill and Maple Ave – Substantial blind spots for vehicles trying to enter Landing Hill from Maple Ave.
- Maple Ave in Area of Ballek's Nursery – There are Blind Spots as you crest the hill by the house. Additionally, the nursery crosses the road with staff and equipment very frequently in this area.
- Wigwam Road in area of Skate Park – Vehicles traveling up Wigwam Road are difficult to see when pulling out of Skateboard park.

After review of the roads to be effected the group agreed on the following plan to be presented to the Board of Selectman for approval as a temporary Local Traffic Plan for the duration of the RT 82 shutdown:

1. Porges Road will be made into a one way road in the direction of RT 82 to RT 149. Appropriate signage will be posted. Additionally, Porges Road will be posted "Local Traffic Only" and "No Thru Traffic."
2. The following roads will be posted as "No Thru Trucks":
  - Landing Hill / Orchard Road
  - Wigwam Road
  - Creek Road
  - Maple Ave
3. The intersection of Landing Hill and Maple Ave will become a three-way stop. Additionally, "Stop Sign Ahead" signs will be posted in all directions as you approach the intersection.
4. Maple Ave in the area of Ballek's- signs will be posted noting "Farm Equipment Crossing." Additionally, Rich will research the options for installation of temporary speed bumps for this area.
5. "Speed Limit Enforced" and additional Speed Limit Signs will be posted on the following Roads:
  - Landing Hill / Orchard Road
  - Wigwam Road
  - Creek Road
  - Maple Ave
  - Upper end of Boardman

Other Items Discussed:

- Use of the Town's Speed Trailer as an educational tool.
- East Haddam Police/Resident Trooper to do ongoing Education / Enforcement throughout the project.
- Signage should go up ASAP to allow people time prior to the road closing to become familiar with the changes.
- Public Works will ensure that all affected intersections are cut back and remain cut back through the project to help maintain site lines.
- KX, Valley Shore, CSP, Middlesex Paramedics to be notified of the Road Closure.
- The group has a major concern over an issue occurring on the Main Street Section of RT 149. With RT 82 closed any incident (accident, Structure Fire, wires down, etc.) will shut down access to and from town via the East Haddam Bridge.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Craig informed the group about CL-P plans to upgrade / harden the town's infrastructure on our main circuit. Upgrade totals are approx. \$1.7 Million. You will see CL-P in town replacing poles, wire, etc. over the next several months.

**NEXT MEETING:**

March 6, 2014 7PM

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn by Craig Mansfield, second by Jennifer Spencer. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM

Submitted  
Craig Mansfield  
Director of Emergency Management  
2/11/2013