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THE TOWN OF ALBANY COMMENCES HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING

The Albany Hazard Mitigation Planning Team (HMPT) met with June Garneau of Mapping and Planning Solutions and other team members from Albany to work on the required five-year update to the **2017 Albany Hazard Mitigation Plan**. The town and Mapping and Planning Solutions are conducting a series of hazard mitigation meetings to develop the plan over the next few months.

During these public meetings, the HMPT will address natural, technological, and human-caused hazards such as Inland Flooding, Long-Term Utility Outage, and Transport Accidents; the team will also determine "Action Items" to help mitigate the effects of these hazards. The team will also review shelter sites and the need for generators at those sites.

By examining critical infrastructure and key resources, along with past hazards, the team will establish priorities for future mitigation projects and steps that can be taken to increase public awareness of hazards in general.

As mandated by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, all municipalities must complete a local hazard mitigation plan to qualify for Federal Emergency Management Administration funding should a natural disaster occur. The planning processes are made possible by grants from FEMA.

The HMPT is currently being formed. Albany citizens and any interested stakeholders are invited to participate. The next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, January 18, 2023, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM** via "Zoom". The public is encouraged to attend all meetings. All interested parties should contact Kelley Collins, Town Administrator, by email, contact@albanynh.org, to be included in the process; interested parties will be added to the Zoom meeting invitation list. Future meetings are on February 15, April 19, and May 17 @ 6:00 PM and March 22 @ 10:00 AM.

More information on the hazard mitigation planning process is available from June Garneau at Mapping and Planning Solutions, jgarneau@mappingandplanning.com.