



### **Hanover Planning Board**

550 Hanover Street, Hanover, MA 02339

**Meeting Minutes – Monday, December 5, 2022 – 6:45 pm**

#### **Committee Attendees**

Ken Blanchard  
Bernie Campbell  
Meaghan Neville-Dunne

Giuseppe Fornaro  
Tony Cavallaro *via Zoom*  
David Traggorth

#### **Other Attendees**

Fire Chief Jason Cavallaro, Ann Lee, CDMI Director and Martin Pillsbury, MAPC

#### **Opening**

The Vice Chair Ken Blanchard opened the meeting at 6:58 PM and made note the meeting was being recorded.

**Roll Call Vote:** Ken Blanchard – Yes, Bernie Campbell – Yes, Meaghan Dunne – Yes, Giuseppe Fornaro – Yes, Tony Cavallaro – Yes and David Traggorth – Yes

#### **Review of Meeting Minutes**

No meeting minutes were prepared for the meeting from November 21, 2022.

#### **Presentation on Hanover Hazard Mitigation Plan:**

Present for the presentation was Chief Cavallaro and Martin Pillsbury, Director of Environmental Planning from MAPC the regional planning agency for Hanover. Mr. Pillsbury provide a PowerPoint presentation that included some background on the two required programs Hazard Mitigation Plan (Federal) and the Municipal Vulnerability Plan (State) purpose and role that both combined is the Hanover Resilience Project currently occurring. There is a core working group assisting MAPC, who has been hired, to bring the Town thru the process and prepare a draft plan. The plan addresses climatic events such as inland flooding, extreme heat & drought and winter storms as examples of some natural hazards over the years and how Hanover can work in the future to minimize impacts to our infrastructure, environment and residents/general public. Mr. Pillsbury explain the process/schedule over the next six months and the end product being a draft plan. A community resiliency building workshop in (Feb 2023), public listening session (March 2023), Second public meeting (April 2023) and draft plan submission (May/June 2023) and the approval from different agencies. The plans typically have a five-year life and Hanover's last plan was approved in 2017. The draft plan is submitted to EEA, MEMA & FEMA for approval. Mr. Pillsbury explained in detail what the plans will include showing examples of maps and graphs that are compiled for the draft.

Chief Cavallaro added to the presentation that keeping the plans current allows the Town to be eligible for different grant programs. He noted in addition to Town personnel there are many external stakeholders the plan will assist as well. Vice Chair Blanchard asked members if they had any questions. Member Cavallaro asked about the floodplain mapping and if this was part of the plan as well – Mr. Pillsbury noted that they use the most current FIRM maps in the review and areas perhaps not mapped but know to the Town into the report with recommendations. Member Campbell asked who will keep this moving along and Mr. Pillsbury replied MAPC and the Core team have tasks that have to be accomplished. Member Campbell asked so how do we reach out to more residents and educate the value of understanding hazards – is it something that could be done through the schools? Mr. Pillsbury noted public education is important and should be on-going perhaps that could be a recommendation in the final report as to an ongoing educational process – he will bring it back to the Core group for discussion.

Vice Chair Blanchard asked if there was anyone in the public or on Zoom that would like to comment – no comments. Vice - Chair Blanchard thanked Mr. Pillsbury and Chief Cavallaro for the presentation.

#### **Other Business:**

Vice Chair Blanchard reminded members of the upcoming meeting schedule – 12/19/22, 1/9/23 & 1/23/23

Member Campbell Motion to adjourn the Meeting, seconded by Member Fornaro: **Roll Call Vote:** Ken Blanchard – Yes, Bernie Campbell – Yes, Meaghan Dunne – Yes, Giuseppe Fornaro – Yes, Tony Cavallaro – Yes & David Traggorth – Yes

#### **Adjournment**

The Board voted to adjourn at 7:30 pm.