

Town of Franklin

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OFFICE OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

December 30, 2020

To: Town Council
From: Jamie Hellen, Town Administrator

RE: Resolution 21-01: Hazard Mitigation Plan 2020

I am asking the Town Council to adopt the 2020 update to the Town of Franklin Hazard Mitigation Plan. FEMA has reviewed and conditionally approved the Town's updated Hazard Mitigation Plan. Once adopted, Town staff and MAPC will coordinate with FEMA and MEMA, and FEMA will send us a formal approval letter. The Town is required to update this plan every five years with approval from the local legislative body and the federal government.

I have attached a link to Franklin's Hazard Mitigation Plan draft currently pending approval: [Hazard Mitigation Plan](#)

I have also attached DPCD staff information.

If you have any additional questions please feel free to ask.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: FRANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL
FROM: BRYAN W. TABERNER, AICP, DIRECTOR
RE: RESOLUTION 21-01, ADOPTION OF HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN 2020 UPDATE
CC: JAMIE HELLEN, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR; AMY LOVE, TOWN PLANNER;
CHRISSEY WHELTON, ASSISTANT TO THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
DATE: DECEMBER 23, 2020

In spring of 2019 the Towns of Franklin and Bellingham executed a grant contract with Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs for hazard mitigation and climate change vulnerability planning. The \$48,000 Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness grant made it possible to hire the Metropolitan Area Planning Council for a two-phased natural hazards planning project:

Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Workshop, held with representatives from each community, to assess the municipalities' vulnerability from Climate Change.

Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) 2020 Updates for each Town. The Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires communities to develop, adopt, and regularly update a Hazard Mitigation Plan to be eligible for FEMA hazard mitigation grants. Franklin's first HMP was prepared in 2010; an update was needed.

A brief description of the two-phased project is included in the attached presentation.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) completed its review of the Town's 2020 HMP and found it meets all Federal requirements, pending adoption. I request Franklin Town Council vote to approve Resolution 21-01, adopting Franklin's Hazard Mitigation Plan 2020 Update.

Once adopted the Resolution will be submitted to MEMA, and a short time later the Town will receive a Formal Adoption Letter from FEMA. At that point the Town will be able to apply for FEMA hazard mitigation grants for the next five years.

Attached is Resolution 21-01, and PowerPoint presentation handouts for your January 6th Town Council Meeting. The full plan is accessible on the Town's website at:

[2020 Hazard Mitigation Plan](#)

Please let me know if you have questions or require additional information.



TOWN OF FRANKLIN

RESOLUTION 21-01

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TOWN OF FRANKLIN
HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN 2020 UPDATE**

WHEREAS, the Town of Franklin established a Committee to prepare the Town of Franklin Hazard Mitigation Plan 2020 Update; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Franklin Hazard Mitigation Plan 2020 Update contains several potential future projects to mitigate potential impacts from natural hazards in the Town of Franklin, and

WHEREAS, duly noticed public meetings were held by the Local Hazard Mitigation Planning Team on
.....March 2, 2020 and July 28, 2020, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Franklin authorizes responsible departments and/or agencies to execute their responsibilities demonstrated in the plan,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Town Council of the Town of Franklin adopts the Town of Franklin Hazard Mitigation Plan 2020 Update.

This Resolution shall become effective according to provisions of the Franklin Home Rule Charter.

DATED: _____, 2021

A True Record Attest:

VOTED:

UNANIMOUS: _____

YES: _____ **NO:** _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

RECUSED: _____

**Nancy Danello
Temporary Town Clerk**

**Glenn Jones, Clerk
Franklin Town Council**