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Project Announcement to Boards and Commissions
Public Meeting for the 2021 Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan

The Town of Lancaster will be drafting an update to their Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) and hosting a **virtual** public meeting for the project on **Wednesday, September 15th at 6 PM**. The project working group comprised of the Town Administrator, Fire Chief, Police Chief, Public Works Superintendent, and Board of Health Chair invite all residents, business owners, public officials, and other stakeholders to join this discussion as we review progress and changes since the 2016 HMP. Lancaster hired the Montachusett Regional Planning Commission to draft the updated plan, and their staff will be moderating the meeting. Key questions to discuss during the meeting include:

- What weather or hazard events stand out in your mind during the last 5 years?
- What infrastructure (roads, bridges, culverts, etc.) experienced impacts due to natural hazards (flooding, icing, extreme temperatures, etc.) in the last 5 years?
- What neighborhoods or groups of people are most at risk due to changing climate and increasing hazards?
- What, if any, changes in local priorities occurred in the last 5 years?
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In the Hazard Mitigation Plan, MRPC will examine the natural hazards most likely to occur in Lancaster then identify all buildings, people, and infrastructure most likely to be impacted by these hazards. Next, MRPC will develop recommendations to mitigate these hazards and present these findings to the community in a draft report. Together, we will review and comment on the report to produce our final version before submitting it to FEMA for certification. A certified HMP is valid for five years and allows the town to apply for grants from FEMA to implement our recommended mitigation projects.

Please join us on September 15th at 6 PM to hear our presentation and participate in this critical planning project. A Zoom meeting link is available here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85276483501>