

**DRAFT MINUTES: Regular Monthly Meeting,
PLANNING COMMISSION, May 21, 2014**

PRESENT: Thea Schwartz, Vice-Chair; Dick Alderman, Secretary; John Krezinski; **ABSENT:** Steve Martin, Theo Kennedy

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 PM at the Town Offices by Vice-Chair Thea Schwartz.

Sasha Pealer, Floodplain Manager, State Watershed Management Division, gave a presentation, with slides, on current flood hazard management and damage mitigation applicable to Middlesex. Topics included the Emergency Relief & Assistance Fund (ERAF), FEMA Flood Insurance Rates (FIRM), the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), flood maps, fluvial erosion, and River Corridor Plans and Mapping in regard to the North Branch, Winooski River, Martins Brook and the Great Brook.

Under ERAF, Middlesex and other towns have been giving 2 years to adopt additional flood damage mitigation measures. During this period, the current state default rate for post-disaster infrastructure projects is 50% of the local match requirement, or 12.5% of the total project cost. After the 2 years, towns that adopt a basic set of flood damage mitigation measures will receive state funding for post-disaster repair projects to cover half of the required local match for post-disaster infrastructure projects (12.5% of the total project costs. Towns that adopt one or 2 enhanced measures will receive an increase in state match to 70 % of the local match requirement or 17.5 % of the total project cost. For towns that haven't adopted the basic set of flood damage mitigation measures, the State will contribute 7.5% of the required local match.

NEXT MEETING: June 18, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:00 PM.

Respectively Submitted,

Dick Alderman, Secretary