

**PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD AGENDA FOR ONE (1) PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BE HELD
TUESDAY, 1 MAY 2018, 7:30 PM, CITY HALL AUDITORIUM, 110 RIVER STREET**

The meeting of the Planning and Zoning Board came to order at 7:33 p.m.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

B. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Nancy Austin, Denise Doucette-Ginise, John Grant, Brian Kaligian, Peggy Kearney, Scott Marlow, Carl Moore, Tom Panzella, Jim Quish, Robert Satti

Not Present: NA

Staff: David Sulkis, City Planner; Meg Greene, Recording Secretary; Joseph Griffith, DPLU Director

C. OLD BUSINESS: None

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. **CGS 8-24 APPROVAL** – 1 Darina Place 3rd Amendment to Lease, City of Milford

Mr. Quish recused himself; Mr. Moore was seated as chairperson and read the item. **Mr. Sulkis** said the city was entering a lease agreement and is required to get board approval.

Board Discussion: None.

Motion: Mr. Grant motioned to approve.

Second: Mr. Marlow seconded.

Discussion: None.

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

2. **Update on the Hazard Mitigation Plan**

Mr. Sulkis said Joseph Griffith, DPLU Director, wished to address the board on the annual hazard mitigation update. **Mr. Quish** confirmed that a vote was needed to add the item to the agenda.

Board Discussion: None.

Motion: Mr. Marlow motioned to add the item to the agenda.

Second: Mr. Moore seconded.

Discussion: None.

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Griffith's remarks were as follows:

The intent of this brief presentation is to report on the status of our Hazard Mitigation plan. The purpose of the plan is to outline steps and strategies that Milford can take to mitigate against the loss of life and damage to property during natural disasters. We are almost to the start of hurricane season and while our region typically experiences the bulk of our storms in the fall it is important to be aware that they can happen at any time.

Public outreach is one of the priorities in the plan and the Hazard Mitigation Committee asked me to make a presentation to the Planning and Zoning meeting as this board and its audience is focused on personal property and development within the city. I would like to take the opportunity to point out a few resources available to residents for learning more about hazard mitigation. The plan itself can be found on the city website by typing Hazard Mitigation into the search box on the home page or on the page for Emergency Management Services. On the Emergency Management Services page are a number of links to other important sources of information on preparing for, and recovering from a disaster.

Residents are encouraged to sign up for Milford Alerts, the city's emergency notification system. Residents can sign up online, by phone, fax or mail. On the city website there is a sign-up page that can be found under "Important Links" or on the Emergency Services page.

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This month we will observe National Hurricane Preparedness Week is May 6th – 12th. NOAA's National Weather Service (NWS) and its partners encourage individuals, families, businesses and communities to know their risk, take action, and be an example when it comes to dangerous weather. People are encouraged to make an emergency preparedness plan of their own. More information can be found on the Emergency Services page of the city website.

Should a storm or flood impact the city it is important to remember the National Weather Service slogan "Turn Around Don't Drown." Walking or driving through flood water is dangerous and should be avoided. Regarding floods, more than 25% of all the property owners in the city have land in a flood zone, which covers a third of the city. The planning and zoning department has a number of resources for residents who would like to inquire about the city's flood zones and purchasing flood insurance; they can be reached at 203-783-3245.

In closing, the Hazard Mitigation Plan is being updated through the South Central Regional Council of Governments. Rather than plan alone, we are now participating in a multi-jurisdictional plan with 13 other towns. Representatives from the Hazard Mitigation Committee have participated in the planning and review process. The update is nearing completion and can be found on the SCRCOG website in draft form under Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Thank you for the opportunity to share this information.

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None were heard.

F. CHAIR REPORT: None.

G. APPROVAL OF MINUTES 20 March 2018 was unanimous.

H. STAFF REPORT None.

I. ADJOURNMENT was at 7:42

Attest:

M.E. Greene, Board Clerk

Note: Minutes are not official until approved by Board vote at a subsequent meeting.