

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public participation occurred primarily at two levels: the Metro Boston North/West Hazard Mitigation Community Planning Team (regional committee) and the Concord Multiple Hazard Community Planning Team (local committee). In addition, the town held one public meeting to present the plan and solicit input.

Concord's Participation in the Regional Committee

In July 2006, MAPC notified the 28 communities of the first meeting of the Metro Boston North/West Regional Hazard Mitigation Community Planning Team (HMCPT) and requested that the Chief Elected Official designate at least two municipal employees and/or officials to represent the community. The following individuals represented Concord on the regional committee:

- Kenneth Willette, Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director

The Metro Boston North/West Regional Hazard Mitigation Community Planning Team met over the course of the project on the following dates:

- August 17, 2006
- March 22, 2007
- October 22, 2007
- July 10, 2008

Agendas from these meetings are located in Appendix B.

The Local Multiple Hazard Community Planning Team

In addition to the regional committee meetings, MAPC worked with the local community representatives to organize a local Multiple Hazard Community Planning Team (MHCPT) for Concord. This local team held its meetings on February 21, 2007 and November 29, 2007 to review existing mitigation measures, develop hazard mitigation goals, and discuss potential mitigation measures. Table 4 lists the attendees at each meeting of the team. The agendas for these meetings are included in Appendix B. In addition, MAPC collected information via one-on-one meetings, phone interviews, or email.

Table 4: Attendance at the Concord Local Multiple Hazard Community Planning Team Meetings

<p><u>February 21, 2007</u> Kenneth Willette, Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director Dick Fowler, Superintendent, Public Works, Highway & Grounds Division Christopher Kelley, Deputy Fire Chief, Deputy Forest Warden Marcia Rasmussen, Director, Dept. of Planning and Land Management John Ross Minty, Jr., Building Commissioner Mike Moore, Board of Health Marty Powers, Concord Emergency Management Agency Paul Macone, Police Department Daniel Sack, Concord Light Barry Neal, Police Department Delia Kaye, Natural Resources Doug Meagher, Assistant Town Manager</p> <p><u>November 29, 2007</u> Kenneth Willette, Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director Dick Fowler, Superintendent, Public Works, Highway & Grounds Division Christopher Kelley, Deputy Fire Chief, Deputy Forest Warden Marty Powers, Concord Emergency Management Agency Paul Macone, Police Department Daniel Sack, Concord Light Barry Neal, Police Department Brent Reagor, Health Department Katie Holden, Natural Resources Chip Gent, Concord Light John Wilson, Public Works - Highway Matt Barrett, GIS / Public Works Alan Cathart, CPW Water/Sewer</p>

Public Meeting

The town held a public meeting on April 7, 2008 at the Concord Town Hall to introduce the plan to the public. Notice of the meeting was posted at Town Hall and was publicized as a regular Selectmen’s meeting. MAPC presented an overview of the planning process and priority mitigation strategies to attendees. MAPC then edited the plan based on the comments at the meeting. The attendance list for the meeting is below.

Table 5: Attendance at the April 7, 2008 Board of Selectmen’s Meeting

<p>Stanley Black, Board of Selectmen Margaret Briggs, Chair, Board of Selectmen Gregory Howes, Board of Selectmen Virginia McIntyre, Board of Selectmen Anne Shapiro, Board of Selectmen Christine Wallace, Metropolitan Area Planning Council Martin Pillsbury, Metropolitan Area Planning Council Kenneth Willette, Fire Chief Christopher Whelan, Town Manager Ruth Lauer, Administrative Assistant, Board of Selectman</p>
