



Lowell City Council

Environment & Flood SC

Michael Q. Geary
City Clerk

Date: November 30, 2021
Time: 5:30 PM
Location: Zoom / Mayor's Reception Room
Lowell City Hall, Lowell, Ma.

PRESENT:

Present on Roll Call were Chairperson Samaras, C. Elliott and C. Nuon. Others present were Kara Keefe-Mullin (Asst. City Mgr.), Elliott Veloso (Law Dept.) and Phil Geoffroy (Mgr. Office).

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Chairperson Samaras called the meeting to order.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

C. Elliott outlined the motions which called for this subcommittee regarding flood plain information and risk assessments for insurance coverage. Emily Byrne (Rep. Trahan Office) introduced the following individuals involved with presentation: FEMA – Daisy Sweeney; David Mace; Diego Alvarado; John Grace and Bob Desaulniers; and from Mass DCR – Joy Duperault.

Mr. Desaulniers provided presentation entitled "Risk Rating 2.0: Equity in Action – Region 1 Congressional Briefing". Mr. Desaulniers provided background of the National Flood Insurance Program commenting on partnership history, map development and insurance requirements. Mr. Desaulniers noted the number of policies currently in the City; reason for new regulations; added risk variables; items which would not change; national rate analysis; new pricing policy; phased approach; resource investment; and affordability. Mr. Grace provided summary of the new risk regulations. C. Samaras recognized the group of speakers and noted that the link of this meeting should be sent to interested parties. **Motion** by C. Samaras, seconded by C. Elliott to distribute copy of meeting to interested groups i.e., Pawtucketville Neighborhood Association. So voted. C. Elliott questioned the difference of private insurance from national insurance coverage. Mr. Desaulniers noted the differences and the reluctance of private partners to enter the field. C. Elliott questioned subsidies for some policy holders. Mr. Desaulniers outlined the subsidy process and who it affects. C. Nuon questioned effective start



date. Mr. Desaulniers noted the phase in process for current and new police holders. C. Samaras provided closing remarks.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn by C. Elliott, seconded by C. Nuon. So Voted.

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 PM

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