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## **Press Release**

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### **THE TOWN OF LYME COMMENCES HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING**

The Lyme Emergency Management Director (EMD) and other town officials will meet with June Garneau of Mapping and Planning Solutions to work on the required five-year update to the **2017 Lyme Hazard Mitigation Plan**. The Town and Mapping and Planning Solutions are conducting a series of Hazard Mitigation meetings to develop the plan over the next few months.

During these public meetings, the Planning Team will address natural, technological, and human-caused hazards such as Inland Flooding, Long-Term Utility Outages, and Transport Accidents. The team will determine "Action Items" to help mitigate the effects of these hazards. The Team will also review shelter sites and the need for generators at those sites.

By examining critical infrastructure and key resources, along with past hazards, the Team will establish priorities for future mitigation projects and steps that can be taken to increase public awareness of hazards in general.

As mandated by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, all municipalities must complete a local Hazard Mitigation Plan to qualify for Federal Emergency Management Administration funding should a natural disaster occur. The planning processes are made possible by grants from FEMA.

The Hazard Mitigation Planning Team (HMPT) is currently being formed. Lyme citizens and any interested stakeholders are invited to participate. The next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 4, 2023, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM** via "Zoom". The public is encouraged to attend all meetings. Interested parties should contact **Dina Cutting by email at [dina@lymenh.gov](mailto:dina@lymenh.gov)** to be included in the process; interested parties will be added to the Zoom meeting invitation list. Future meetings are planned for November 8 and December 6, 2023, and January 10 and February 17, 2024. All meetings will be held at 1:00 PM and last two hours.

More information on the hazard mitigation planning process is available from June Garneau at Mapping and Planning Solutions, [jgarneau@mappingandplanning.com](mailto:jgarneau@mappingandplanning.com).