

## Inland Town's Meeting Summary from 9/17/14 and DRAFT AGENDA for 10/24/14

- I. **We briefly reviewed the agenda and agreed to focus on the following tasks:**
  - **Share relevant information reported by members of State Working Group**
  - **Assess the potential effectiveness of the existing Template for guiding our investigations and Organizing Data**
  - **Identify actions to be completed by next meeting and divide responsibilities for actions**
  
- II. **Meeting Opened with a review of potential Work Group Goals and Tools and a brief report from members of the *State Working Group***
  - Useful Tools were identified:
  - FEMA Maps and Responsibilities of Towns
  - Vermont Law Study Reviewing Policies and Programs for CC Adaptation
    - Best parts of the study relevant to our tasks were identified
    - Land Use policies and their applicability assessed
  - Lamprey River Study
  - Oyster River Study
  - Georgetown Climate Change Planning Tool Kit
  
- III. The Group Reviewed and commented on the potential effectiveness of the existing Data Template in helping us to identify and organize needed data to be used as a foundation for our analysis:
  - The group identified the need for additional columns:  
Under the section **identifying strategies**. In establishing context we need to have additional columns that specify:
    - Extent to which Strategy is Planning Related***
    - The Nature of the Risk;***
    - The Severity of the Problem;***

**Relevant Strategies for specific communities.**

Additional Need: DATA Collection: When will the Prep Model be ready?

IV. Overall strategies— Work Group needs to focus on goals and then connect actions identified to goals in ways that specific actions are connected to each other; also identify overlapping or conflicting strategies and actions.

### **Goals of Inland Working Group**

- Learn from towns that have undertaken climate change vulnerability assessments
- Identify classes of actions to consider (e.g.):
  - Hazard mitigation plans
  - Modification of Master Plans/Zoning Codes
  - Iterative assessment, planning, decision processes

- Task E: evaluate other approaches (e.g., Georgetown, FEMA, etc.) and add generic principles and actions for Towns, analyze to see what adaptations/additions are needed from NH Legislature re policy changes/additions or enabling legislation

#### **General Strategies to Guide Approach:**

- Need to mine some big picture literature as well as local status quo policy review. To begin with the group will tackle the following:
  - Georgetown Report Review: (Cory Riley and Sherry Godlewski)
  - Community Rating:
    - Vermont Law Report: (Representative Chris Muns)
    - FEMA: (Peter Kinner)
  - Local Communities—Exeter (Mimi Becker) ;Durham (Peter Kinner) Dover (Steve Bird)
    - What Risks and Hazards Identification Process—what led to the initiatives?
      - What Risks and Harzards were identified?
      - What actions are being taken?
    - PREP STUDY Update on Status Quo (Strafford Regional Planning)
- We don't need to invent new approaches—we know generic options. The point is to use local situations as filters to identify relevant options for specific communities, keeping in mind the extent to which there is existing authority for selection, implementation and monitoring.
- We should identify the gaps that would present barriers to their selection.
- We should identify “Low”, “Medium”, High”, and “Critical” categories for implementing a given initiative to adapt to the risks and hazards posed by climate change.
- We will initiate the assessment by looking at initially at Durham, Exeter, Dover to see what we learned from those town's initiatives.

**DRAFT AGENDA -- Next Meeting Oct 24<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. –12:00 noon  
DES Office at PEASE**

Desired Results: (1) Additional insights from the key resources examined, along with specific information from particular communities.  
(2) As more detailed strategy for obtaining the data to complete the template for the Inland Communities.

**Agenda**

**9:00 a.m.** Introductions and Agenda Review; Announcements—Leadership Transition

**9:15 a.m.** Action on template that we will use. [Do we add the 4 extra columns to establish the baseline context from which we will work:

***Extent to which Strategy is Planning Related  
The Nature of the Risk  
The Severity of the Problem***

**9:45 a.m.** Reports and Discussions on Lessons Learned Relevant to Inland Communities from the following sources:

<b>FEMA REPORT</b>	<b>Key highlights and insights</b>	<b>Peter Kinner</b>
<b>Vermont Law Study</b>	<b>Key highlights &amp; insights</b>	<b>Rep. Chris Munns</b>
<b>Georgetown Study:</b>	<b>Key highlights &amp; insights</b>	<b>Cory Riley and Sherry Godlewski</b>

**Any additional insights?**

**Key Lessons/Findings:**

10:00 a.m. Reports from Towns: Exeter and Dover

10:30 a.m. What Next? And Homework for November:  
Vulnerability Assessment Data  
CAW Insights?  
Preliminary Findings from Local Communities  
Threats/Risks and hazards Vulnerabilities  
Adaptation Strategies in place  
Gaps and other needs  
Tentative Recommendations

11:00 Review assignments and deadlines for November  
Date for November meeting