

RESOLUTION
TOWN OF GRAFTON, BOARD OF SELECTMEN

WHEREAS: In 1997 the Supreme Court of Vermont ruled that "to fulfill its constitutional obligation the state must ensure substantial equality of educational opportunity." Accordingly, the state legislature passed Act 60 which requires that the state Education Fund, two thirds of which is derived from property taxes, be used *exclusively* to "make payments to school districts and supervisory unions for the support of education."

WHEREAS: Act 60 further stipulates that "upon withdrawal of funds from the Education Fund for any purpose other than those authorized," being payments to school districts and supervisory unions, the education property tax is *repealed*.

WHEREAS: This year the Senate Education Committee has introduced a bill, S.197, which would expand uses of the state Education Fund from "payments to school districts and supervisory unions" to the much more general "payments for the support of public education."

WHEREAS: The Governor now advances the principle that teachers' pensions are a legitimate Education Fund expenditure, and proposes to take **\$3.2 million** from the Education Fund in 2007 to shore up the pension fund. (The teachers' pension fund is under-funded by \$315 million.) The Governor also proposes that "**\$14.3 million** of the Motor Vehicle Purchase and Use Tax...be redirected to the Transportation Fund" from the Education Fund. *The pension fund proposal and the Transportation Fund diversion, totaling \$17.5 million, will raise school property taxes by three cents statewide.*

WHEREAS: Last year, the selectboards of 150 Vermont towns signed the "Grafton Resolution" that expressed opposition to "any use of the state Education Fund that is outside the law's original intent" to support local education. The resolution succeeded in turning requests for a total of \$1,156,783 for three non-local education projects away from the Education Fund. It is now necessary to remind the Governor and legislators of their ongoing responsibility to uphold both the letter and the intent of the law.

RESOLVED: The Town of Grafton Board of Selectmen hereby records its opposition to any use of the State of Vermont Education Fund that is outside of the law's original intent to "make payments to school districts and supervisory unions for the support of education."

We have signed this RESOLUTION officially, and caused the seal of the Town of Grafton, Vermont to be affixed this 23 day of January, 2006

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

Richard L. [Signature]
Paul [Signature]

Anna [Signature]
David [Signature]
Skip [Signature]

**CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION
TOWN OF GRAFTON, VERMONT**

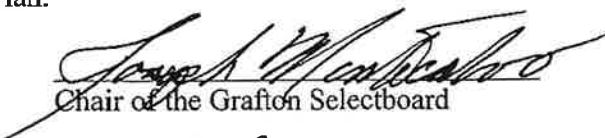
Selectboard
A Resolution Adopting the All-Hazards Mitigation Plan
September 22, 2008

WHEREAS, the Town of Grafton has worked with the Windham Regional Commission to identify hazards, analyze past and potential future losses due to natural and human-caused disasters, and identify strategies for mitigating future losses; and

WHEREAS, the All-Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Town of Grafton, an annex to the Windham Regional Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, contains several potential future project to mitigate damage from disasters with the potential to occur in the Town of Grafton; and

WHEREAS, a duly-noticed public meeting was held by the Grafton Selectboard on September 22, 2008 to formally approve and adopt the All-Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Town of Grafton as an annex to the Windham Regional Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.


NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grafton Selectboard adopts All-Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Town of Grafton as an annex to the Windham Regional Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.


Chair of the Grafton Selectboard

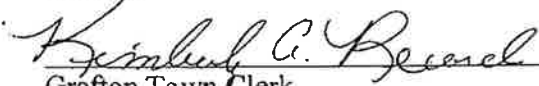

Member of the Grafton Selectboard

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ATTEST:


Grafton Town Clerk



FEMA

February 12, 2009

James Matteau, Executive Director
Windham Regional Planning Commission
139 Main Street, Suite 505
Brattleboro, VT 05301

Dear Mr. Matteau:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Windham Regional All Hazards Mitigation Plan. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region I has evaluated the plan for compliance with the Interim Final Rule published in the Federal Register on February 26, 2002 (44 CFR Parts 201 and 206). The plan satisfactorily meets all of the mandatory requirements set forth by the regulations. Congratulations on this achievement!

This plan approval now includes the Town of Grafton, and amends the first FEMA approval letter dated December 5, 2007. The plan approval now extends to the following two (2) participating jurisdictions that provided copies of their resolutions adopting the plan:

- Town of Grafton
- Town of Marlboro

Upon receipt of resolutions adopting the plan from the remaining twenty-five communities, we will issue a follow-up letter to include these communities in the plan approval, thereby confirming their eligibility for the FEMA mitigation programs referenced below.

With this plan approval, the communities listed above are eligible to apply for Mitigation Grants administered by FEMA. Please note that requests for mitigation funding will be evaluated individually according to the specific eligibility and requirements of each of these programs. Furthermore, it is important to understand that a specific mitigation activity or project identified in your region's plan may not meet the eligibility requirements for FEMA funding, and even eligible mitigation activities are not automatically approved for FEMA funding under the programs referenced above.

The Windham Regional All Hazards Mitigation Plan and the Town of Grafton Annex must be reviewed, revised as appropriate, and resubmitted to FEMA for approval within five years of the **plan approval date** in order to maintain eligibility as an applicant for mitigation grants. Over the next five years, we encourage the Windham Region to continue updating the plan's assessment of vulnerability, adhere to its maintenance schedule, and begin implementing, when possible, the mitigation actions proposed in the plan.

Once again, thank you for your continued dedication to public service demonstrated by preparing and adopting a strategy for reducing future disaster losses. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Marilyn Hilliard at (617) 956-7536.

Sincerely,


Paul F. Ford
for Acting Regional Administrator

Enclosure

Cc: Raymond Doherty, VT State Hazard Mitigation Officer
Ross Nagy, Chief of Policy and Planning, VT Emergency Management
Joseph Montecalco, Chair, Grafton Selectboard

Jackie LeBlanc

From: Bill Kearns <toszoning@vermontel.net>
Sent: Friday, December 02, 2011 9:46 AM
To: 'Jackie LeBlanc'
Subject: FW: Grafton Pre-Disaster Mit Plan
Attachments: approval letter 1.pdf; approval letter 2.pdf

See attached letters. Print them and put them in the book with the PreDisaster Mitig Plan which I will send next. Thanks, Bill

Bill Kearns, AO
Springfield Zoning
Phone: 802 885 2104

From: Dinah Reed [<mailto:dreed@sover.net>]
Sent: Thursday, December 01, 2011 12:24 PM
To: 'Bill Kearns'
Cc: 'Joe Wilson'
Subject: RE: Grafton Pre-Disaster Mit Plan

Attached are two letters.

Dinah Reed
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From: Bill Kearns [<mailto:toszoning@vermontel.net>]
Sent: Thursday, December 01, 2011 11:26 AM
To: 'Dinah Reed'
Subject: RE: Grafton Pre-Disaster Mit Plan

Good. If you could scan and send that letter concerning Grafton to Joe, that would be great. I have jackie looking for it too, and the approval resolution and letter from FEMA should be with our plan. I had prepared the Resolution, and know it was done. See attached draft.

Bill

Bill Kearns, AO
Springfield Zoning
Phone: 802 885 2104

From: Dinah Reed [<mailto:dreed@sover.net>]
Sent: Thursday, December 01, 2011 11:19 AM
To: 'Bill Kearns'; 'Joe Wilson'
Subject: RE: Grafton Pre-Disaster Mit Plan

You are correct. I guess what FEMA does initially is give "Conditional Approval". Then the town adopts it. I'll read that letter though – and in looking again, I do have copies of the letter. They were in with the Regional Plan. I knew I seen them, but couldn't remember where.

Dinah Reed

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From: Bill Kearns [<mailto:toszoning@vermontel.net>]
Sent: Thursday, December 01, 2011 11:16 AM
To: 'Dinah Reed'; 'Joe Wilson'
Subject: RE: Grafton Pre-Disaster Mit Plan

Dinah, According to this letter from Kevin Merli approval comes only after adoption by SB. See the middle two paragraphs. Bill

Bill Kearns, AO
Springfield Zoning
Phone: 802 885 2104

From: Dinah Reed [<mailto:dreed@sover.net>]
Sent: Thursday, December 01, 2011 11:07 AM
To: 'Bill Kearns'; 'Joe Wilson'
Subject: RE: Grafton Pre-Disaster Mit Plan

The adoption date is the date that the Selectboard signed for it. FEMA approves it, then the town adopts it. Grafton's plan is good to go for the grant purposes, however I just looked and I don't have the adoption page/letter in my office so I hope you have it in your files.

Dinah

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From: Bill Kearns [<mailto:toszoning@vermontel.net>]
Sent: Thursday, December 01, 2011 11:00 AM
To: 'Joe Wilson'
Cc: 'Dinah Reed'
Subject: RE: Grafton Pre-Disaster Mit Plan

No. There should have been a letter from FEMA. Dinah Reed should have the date. As I recall it is December 2008, and we have till Dec 2013.

Dinah, Can you answer Joe's question? He needs the FEMA adoption date for Grafton PDM.

Bill

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From: Joe Wilson [<mailto:breezyhill@vermontel.net>]
Sent: Thursday, December 01, 2011 10:49 AM
To: 'Bill Kearns'
Subject: RE: Grafton Prre-Disaster

Will the adoption date be the same as FEMA approval date?

Joe Wilson
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(802)885-2811

From: Bill Kearns [<mailto:toszoning@vermontel.net>]
Sent: Thursday, December 01, 2011 9:55 AM
To: 'Joe Wilson'
Subject: RE: Grafton Prre-Disaster

Joe, See attached. This says it was adopted by the SB on 9.22.2008 I do not have the adoption resolution, but Jackie or Kim may have that.

Bill

Bill Kearns, AO
Springfield Zoning
Phone: 802 885 2104

From: Joe Wilson [<mailto:breezyhill@vermontel.net>]

Sent: Thursday, December 01, 2011 9:44 AM

To: 'Bill Kearns'

Subject: Grafton Prre-Disaster

Bill, do you have the date of FEMA approval of the Grafton Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan?

required on HMGP application.

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