The Public Safety Committee met Monday, 9 July 2018 beginning shortly after 10:00 am at Town Hall. Committee Chair John Gregg was joined by Committee members Allan Keener and Rob Savin. Councilman Skip Crane and Town Administrator Joe Cronin also took part in the meeting. An agenda for the meeting is attached.

1. Minutes of 11 June Meeting

Minutes of the Committee meeting of 11 June were approved without revision.

2. Debris Management Bid Recommendation

Mr. Gregg confirmed that at its meeting 26 June, Town Council approved the recommendation of the Committee to award a stand-by contract for Phillips & Jordan.

3. Disaster Preparedness Materials

In a departure from the agenda, Mr. Gregg disaster preparedness materials that had been identified in an unsolicited email received through the Town's website. That email had provided internet links to access the materials with a suggestion that the links could be copied to the Town’s website. It was the consensus of the Committee that the Emergency Preparedness pages of the Town’s website provide material and links to material that is as suitable for reference by the public as any of the material identified by the received submission. Consequently, none of the links provided will be added to those pages of the Town’s website.


The Committee discussed Mr. Savin’s notes concerning issues facing the community in connection with earthquake of a magnitude to cause extensive damage to residences and infrastructure. In addition, the Committee discussed topics of the Improvement Plan of the report of the June exercise. Mr. Kenner recommend the book entitled City of Heroes. With regard to use of HAM radios for emergency communication, it was suggested that local HAM operators could serve to relay messages verbally to overcome difficulties of direct communication between the Town’s base station and the handheld radios in the field. It was also noted that improved direct HAM communication might be achieved by using the local HAM repeater (located at the fire station).

5. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee was scheduled for Monday, 13 August 2018.

6. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at about 11:25 am.
MEETING AGENDA
Public Safety Committee
9 July 2018

1. Minutes from 11 June 2018 meeting
2. Debris Management Bid Recommendation
3. Disaster Recovery Council Earthquake Exercise Report (Action Items)
4. Next Meeting
5. Adjourn