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Town of Ludlow to Hold Public Listening Session for Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness/Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Ludlow residents, businesses, and surrounding community residents and representatives are invited to learn about the Town of Ludlow Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) and Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) and provide comments at a Public Listening Session on Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 6:30 pm. The public meeting will be held as part of a regular Board of Selectmen meeting and will take place in-person at the Ludlow Town Hall Board of Selectmen Conference Room, 3rd floor. The meeting can also be viewed via the live Ludlow Community Television broadcast, attended by audio by calling in via 1 -617 758-8793, or remotely via UberConference. Please see the Town's website for remote attendance instructions.

The meeting will include an overview of the Hazard Mitigation and MVP planning process, a summary of climate change impacts and natural hazards in Ludlow, a discussion of community strengths and vulnerabilities in Ludlow, and mitigation strategies proposed by the Core Team. Municipal officials and PVPC staff will be available to answer questions and hear input about the plan and proposed strategies. The meeting will provide an opportunity for the public to provide input and participate in the mitigation planning process. All members of the public, representatives from surrounding communities and other interested parties are welcome to attend the event.

This combined HMP/MVP plan is being completed by the Town with assistance from the PVPC, and is funded by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEEA). Upon completion, the plan will be submitted to EOEEA and to the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for review and approval. A FEMA-approved HMP makes the community eligible for federal and state mitigation grant funding. Upon completing the MVP Planning Grant, Ludlow will become designated as an MVP Community and will be eligible to apply for MVP Action Grants.

For additional information, including copies of previous presentations and workshop materials, please refer to the Town's MVP/HMP Committee website: <http://www.ludlow.ma.us/html/mvp/index.htm>.