

# Cambridge Planning Commission mtg minutes: 8-18-2014 Approved MINUTES

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## Attendees:

PC mtg members: Michael M, Doug B, Werner B

Seth J from LCPC

Cambridge Village Trustees- David Gates and Jim Kinney.

The village trustees came to discuss potential MPG application to look at traffic issues around Mansfield Ave and RT 15 in Cambridge Village. Michael M said the PC is happy to review any proposal written by Seth J. Michael would like to see the study include a variety of options for that location that also includes pedestrian access/safety such as sidewalks/curbing around Mansfield and S main st. Also interested in access to the wrong way bridge and S main to the park and ride location pedestrian options IF the grant has room in it to look at those items. Michael would like to see this as the public input has involved these areas in addition to Mansfield/rt 15 intersection..

Discussion on flood hazard updates process next steps. After getting public input- how to move forward. The group discussed a modular update that would break out all the potential additions to the regs and would outline the impacts of adding those to the basic minimum allowable regs. Basically, the more regulation that is added, the greater the federal/state share of impact mitigation the Town will receive. So, for each additional module, the cost impact to the muni and the premium change for FH ins purchases. The other impact is a statement about the reasoning for making the additional change- i.e.- it's good not to fill any more in the floodplain so that water has a place to go and is not forced higher and further into other places.

**Seth J** will write an initial draft for PC review.

These additional components may be part of the Community rating System CRS that, should Cambridge score well, decrease the amt of taxpayer burden during federal disaster cleanup. We are already well-along our way having achieved multiple components to bring us into and above basic compliance, so perhaps it would be best to get the best rating (and least tax burden) possible?

Discussion of new public mtg law requirements. **Doug B** attended a recent LCPC mtg about this and brought the PC up to speed.

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- 24 hours of a special meeting

- ASAP of an emergency meeting

Must be published on the official website and in 3 locations: At or near Town Hall and two other locations within town.

If we need to add or delete things on the agenda, that must be the first item of business. There must be a time for public comment.

**Mtg Minutes:**

Must be posted on the website within 5 days of the meeting, draft minutes are acceptable.

**Jane Porter** will take care of posting on the website, in the town office and in the Jeff Post Office. We are hoping to post at the Varnum Library as well. **Werner B** will check on that.

**Michael M** will still try to post agendas to FPF in advance of mtgs and above the requirements