

## **Montpelier Commission on Recovery and Resilience November Update**

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Over the course of the last month, the Montpelier Commission on Recovery and Resilience set the organizational structure and established partnerships necessary to advance the community's recovery and strengthen its resilience. The following are highlights from recent activities:

- Attended a Montpelier City Council meeting to introduce the Commission and its work.
- Made communication plans for written monthly updates and regular community meetings.
- Organized a meeting for the Commission and City leaders with representatives of the Congressional delegation about the future of the Montpelier Post Office and Federal Building. Followed up with a formal request to the USPS for a status report.
- Held an introductory meeting with Washington County State Senators Cummings, Perchlik and Watson.
- Met with Vermont Department of Buildings and General Services to ascertain the State's plans and urge continued use and investment in downtown buildings.
- Began coordination with Pat Moulton, Governor Scott's new Recovery Officer for Central Vermont.
- Continued coordination with the Agency of Human Services and community members establishing a Long-Term Recovery Group to assist individuals and households impacted by the July floods (please contact us if you are interested in volunteering).
- Initiated contact with recovery groups in neighboring communities.
- Secured funding necessary to hire an Executive Director and finalized a job description.
- Noted a State of Vermont led assessment of opportunities to restore floodplain functions in the watershed and anticipated funding to begin detailed assessments for active floodplain restoration efforts.
- Engaged with property and easement holders of 5 Farm Way (the old Jacob Davis property along the Winooski near Agway) to explore the possibility of a project to improve the area's potential as floodplain.

Reaffirming the importance of keeping the broader community informed and engaged in its work, the Commission plans to provide written monthly updates, post information publicly, and hold regular public feedback sessions on its workplan.

Questions and interest in volunteering can be directed to [montpelierfloodcommission@gmail.com](mailto:montpelierfloodcommission@gmail.com)

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