

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

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The Montpelier Commission for Recovery and Resilience (MCRR) will host a public forum on February 15 to report on its work to date and to invite feedback from the community. The event will be held at Montpelier High School from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. In addition to preparing for the forum, highlights from MCRR's efforts in January include the following:

- Testified before state legislative committees in support of funding for municipalities impacted by flooding as well as for planning and projects to improve resilience and mitigate the risk from future disasters.
- Coordinated a rally on January 8 with the Congressional Delegation to put public pressure on the U.S. Postal Service to restore Montpelier's downtown post office. The General Services Administration is currently exploring temporary locations.
- Continued support of the Long Term Recovery Group being established to assist individuals and families still recovering from damage to their homes.
- Participated in a project kick-off meeting with staff from Vermont Emergency Management for the 5 Farm Way floodplain restoration project with approximately \$400,000 from VEM's Flood Resilient Communities Fund.
- Collected information on emergency management plans and best practices as a first step towards improving the community's preparedness and emergency communications.
- Received and reviewed applications for more than 30 candidates for an MCRR executive director to work full-time to make Montpelier more resilient in a future of climate uncertainty.
- Met with staff of the City's Department of Planning & Community Development to ensure good coordination around recovery and resilience projects and priorities.
- Secured additional philanthropic funds to support MCRR's work.

Please join us at the public forum on February 15 at MHS.

Additional information can be found at [www.montpelierstrong.org](http://www.montpelierstrong.org)