



Clarksburg MVP Planning Committee Meeting

Held on:

Thursday, January 15th, 2026 at 3:30 pm

Held at: Clarksburg Community Center

712 W. Cross Rd. Clarksburg, MA 01247

ATTENDEES

Bob Norcross, Resident
Lauren Norcross, Council on Aging
Clebe Scott, Conservation Commission
Ron Boucher, Town Administrator (zoom)
Jim Brandon, Geologist
Susan Brandon, Historical Commission
Emily Rosselli, Clarksburg School
Britney Danials, BRPC
Courteny Morehouse, BRPC
Terry Reynolds, Engineer (zoom)
Geneieve Reynolds, RDG (zoom)
Meg Bandera, Unpaved Trails (zoom)

Notes

The meeting started at 3:40 pm.

Susan made a motion to approve the November meeting minutes with changes. Bob seconded. All in favor. 1 abstained.

Carson Ave Bank Erosion project update:

Courteny discussed the Carson Avenue Bank Erosion project, confirming a kickoff call for January 21st at noon and requesting demographic information about residents to strengthen the MVP application. Ron agreed to provide Mike Williams' contact information to help gather this data.

Briggsville Water District project update:

The group also addressed the Briggsville Water District project, with Ron confirming the signed contract and discussing procurement challenges. Courteny will be on the next meeting agenda to discuss billing procedures and procurement assistance.

Four Corners

Engineering Updates: Terry reported that they are waiting for the final geotech report and noted that the path to the field was constructed with poor material, making it a wetland area that requires extra replication. Genevieve mentioned that RDG is working with the compiled survey and wetland plans in their layouts. Unfortunately, there was a software glitch that erased the H&H results, and they hope to have a new version soon.

Terry shared flood modeling results showing that targeted changes to berms, bridges, and the Hudson Brook alignment could reduce flooding. Without modifications, three homes would flood during a 100 year storm. Increasing berm height in a specific reach and rerouting Hudson Brook reduced impacts in the model, with peak water elevations around 1,044 feet. FEMA maps would still apply for permitting, but results were promising. Additional analysis of a 500 year event is planned, along with exploring floodplain expansion.

The group discussed modifying the Hudson Brook levee by removing it where no homes are present and extending protection where houses are at risk, while considering downstream effects. Terry suggested dike and levee improvements, but noted challenges with vegetation clearing and the need for Army Corps involvement for brook realignment. Bridge geometry, including the West Cross Road bridge scheduled for replacement in 2029, may require a broader study. Coordination with MassDOT through BRPC's transportation team was also raised.

Terry explained that Tamarack Brook backs up during storms due to relatively small water elevation changes, with the first house likely to be flooded being the lowest in the area. Terry agreed to analyze the impact of increasing the stream's opening size and implementing levees to reduce flow, while Melissa noted that everyday flooding issues have worsened since Hurricane Irene, particularly due to sediment buildup. Terry also mentioned the possibility of creating a detention pond near the power lines to alleviate flooding in Tamarack Brook. Clebe mentioned previous discussions with DEP about managing the brook, and Terry explained how Tamarack Brook's behavior during high water could exacerbate flooding. They also discussed a downstream bridge and its impact on backwater formation.

Design Updates: The team discussed an upcoming design workshop at Flying Cloud on February 28th from 10 to 1, which will be facilitated by Nate and Genevieve and focused on playground design at Town Field. Outreach will include postcards, lawn signs with QR codes, and newsletter distribution to increase community engagement. The four corners project website is almost complete and will be reviewed by BRPC. School survey results were shared and primary interests of students for future playground equipment.

Genevieve discussed plans for community engagement and events. They considered using a town field for a design showcase and community gathering in June, potentially featuring poster boards and layouts to illustrate spatial changes. Britney will coordinate with Ron to launch the concert series in June to further engage the community.

Next Meeting

The next meeting was set for February 19th at 3:30 pm. Meeting minutes recorded by Britney Danials.