



## Clarksburg MVP Planning Committee Meeting

Held on: Thursday, April 16th, 2026 at 3:30 pm

Held at: Clarksburg Community Center, 712 W. Cross Rd. Clarksburg, MA 01247

### Attendees

- Clebe Scott, Conservation Commission
- Ron Boucher, Town Administrator (zoom)
- Jim Brandon, Geologist
- Susan Brandon, Historical Commission
- Britney Danials, BRPC
- Courteny Morehouse, BRPC
- Terry Renolds, Engineering (zoom)

### Notes

- The meeting started at 3:32 pm.

### Past Meeting Minutes

- The committee reviewed February's meeting minutes. Susan made a motion to approve the minutes, and Ron seconded. All approved, 1 abstained.
- The committee reviewed March's meeting minutes. Ron made a motion to approve the minutes, and Clebe seconded. All approved.

### Carson Ave Bank Erosion project update:

- No new updates

### Briggsville Water District project update:

- Tighe and Bond have been selected for engineering services.

### Four Corners

#### Floodplain and H&H Review

- Terry presented flood modeling for the Valley area, covering 2-year through 500-year storm events and projected 2070 conditions. The analysis identified three bridges with recurring flooding issues: Middle Road, West Cross Road, and the private bridge at 260 Middle Road.
  - Middle Road performs adequately until the 100-year event, when water begins impacting the structure. Terry noted that the town's Middle Road bridge is scheduled

for replacement, and suggested that taller bridge openings could help with water management. While a cursory evaluation found that realigning the river would not provide significant benefits, Terry proposed exploring scenarios for adjusting levees to allow floodwater to flow into the floodplain away from residential areas. The group also discussed the need to explore site-specific solutions for properties that experience repeated flooding, though no specific approaches were finalized.

- West Cross Road reaches its low chord during all modeled events but does not currently overtop.
- The private bridge at 260 Middle Road overtops after a 10-year event while reaching its low chord in all scenarios.
- These findings raised concerns about residential flooding and long-term bridge safety, particularly under future conditions. As a result, the team agreed that the West Cross Road bridge should be evaluated further as part of its planned replacement.
- The team also reviewed Depth-Velocity hazard mapping, where values above 2.2 indicate unsafe conditions for people and vehicles and values above 16 indicate risk to structures. These higher risk scores were noted through several areas around the Hudson brook.
- The group also reviewed flood management challenges at Tamarind Brook. Potential options include culvert upgrades and opening additional flood channels, though it was noted that culvert improvements alone will not resolve overall floodplain flooding. The discussion also raised concerns about septic systems in flood-prone areas and the need for flood-proofing, with limited funding currently available in Massachusetts to support these efforts.

### Community Center Design Feedback

- The group reviewed three revised plans for a new parking layout for the community center. Overall, it was noted that:
  - Parking layout should support minimal winter maintenance
  - Maximize spots close to the building
  - Remove medians/green spaces in the middle lot to increase parking spots
  - Remove angled parking spaces, which could increase congestion or accidents
  - Add in overflow parking area that would also benefit Town Field events
  - Provide 1 way loop entrance
  - Add a pedestrian path around the center

### Community Events

- Britney reported that BRPC will host an online playground design session in May to accompany the in-person session held in the winter.
- Ron agreed to a future meeting to discuss logistics for the June Concert
- A June public info session will be held with a date TBD.

Next Meeting was set for May 21st, 2026 at 3:30 pm

Meeting minutes recorded by Britney Danials.