

# EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

During 2016 a committee of emergency management directors, our field representative from New Hampshire Homeland Security and Emergency Management, town administrator, several other town officials, highway, water department, police and fire representatives and our planning consultant, from the service Map and Planning Solutions completed the Hazard Mitigation Plan for the town of Canaan. The plan required an extensive review of all types of natural occurrences for their frequencies and intensities as they have affected Canaan in the past. Among the hazards examined were floods, dam breakages, ice storms, snow storms, drought, wind storms, wildland fires and human caused events. The mitigation plan evaluates the risks and begins a process to create plans to reduce the impacts of these events on town infrastructure. The plan review was completed over a 6 month period and has been submitted to the state and federal governments for final approval. An approved plan will keep us in compliance with these agencies and enable us to apply for grants to help us mitigate and plan for recovery from disasters.

In 2015 construction of the Canaan Emergency Operations Center was completed. In 2016 with funds obtained from a grant obtained from New Hampshire Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency with the aid of our field representative, the EOC was outfitted with the latest technology and equipment and is fully functional. The grant was written by Sam Frank and Paul Hatch who is our field service representative from NHHSEM. This equipment will help the emergency service departments to better communicate with each other and with the state of New Hampshire EOC. This will allow us to better manage any type of major emergency that may occur in Canaan or the surrounding area. We will be able to organize, assign and track resources from the EOC and all town departments as we respond to weather related or human caused incidents in Canaan.

**Respectfully submitted,**

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