

## PRESS RELEASE

### **PUBLIC INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE BETHEL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

Tropical Storm Irene, October snowstorm Alfred, and Superstorm Sandy are recent events that caused severe damage and resulted in Federal disaster declarations. Flooding, heavy snow, wind, and downed power lines can cause damage to property, disrupt our daily routines, close our schools and businesses, and jeopardize the health and safety of the residents of Bethel.

What can be done to minimize our vulnerabilities to natural hazards? The Town of Bethel is developing a hazard mitigation plan to identify activities that can be undertaken before natural hazards occur in order to minimize property damage, risk of life, and the costs that are shared by all. The plan will discuss the occurrence and consequences of floods, winter storms, hurricanes and tropical storms, wildfires and dam failure. The plan will outline the steps that Bethel can take to mitigate for future natural hazards.

In order to gain input to the hazard mitigation planning process, the Town will be hosting an informational meeting on **Tuesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00P.M. in the Bethel Municipal Center – Meeting Room “A”**. For residents and business owners who are unable to attend the meeting, comments can be sent to the Bethel First Selectman’s Office. For more information, please contact the office of the Bethel First Selectman at (203) 794-8501 or via email at [firstselectman@bethel-ct.gov](mailto:firstselectman@bethel-ct.gov)