

**MINUTES OF PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING OF OCTOBER 5, 2009**  
**Proposed Zoning Amendments to Section 19, Floodplain District**  
**7:15 p.m., Room #315, Town Office Building, 400 Slocum Road**

**Planning Board Members**

Mr. John V. Sousa, Chairman  
Mr. Joseph E. Toomey, Jr., Vice-Chairman  
Mr. John P. Haran, Clerk  
Mrs. Lorri-Ann Miller  
Mr. Arthur C. Larrivee

**Planning Staff**

Mr. Donald A. Perry, Planning Director  
Mrs. Joyce J. Couture, Planning Aide

The Chairman opened at 7:37 p.m. the public hearing<sup>1</sup> concerning amendments to the Dartmouth Zoning By-Laws which would amend Section 2 and Section 19, Floodplain District. The purpose of the amendments is to adopt a revised Flood Hazard Map and ensure the zoning bylaw text is consistent with the revised map and Federal Emergency Management Agency requirements.

All Planning Board members and Planning staff were present.

A motion was made by Mrs. Miller, duly seconded by Mr. Larrivee, and unanimously voted (5-0), to waive the reading of the legal notice, which appeared in The Chronicle on Wednesday, September 16, 2009, and again on Wednesday, September 23, 2009.

The Planning Director stated the proposed zoning article was advertised in The Chronicle on Wednesday, September 16, 2009, and again on Wednesday, September 23, 2009 and legal notice was sent on September 3, 2009 to SRPEDD/SEED; DHCD Municipal Zoning and Land Use; the Planning Board's of Fall River, Westport, Freetown, Gosnold, and New Bedford; and posted in the Town Office Building.

Mr. Perry proceeded to emphasize the importance that Town Meeting adopt the revised FEMA maps. He explained it reflects actual storm conditions along the coastline.

Board members agreed that Town Meeting members should be fully informed that failure to adopt the revised maps would result in the loss of FEMA flood insurance for hundreds of property owners and the loss of FEMA disaster relief funds after a storm such as a hurricane.

The Chairman asked if there were any questions or comments from the public.

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<sup>1</sup> For more information, see minutes of the Planning Board's regular meeting of October 5, 2009

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Tom Hardman, 1 Stoneyfield Lane, noted the base elevation datum has changed and also the areas affected by flooding have changed in specific areas especially along the coast. Some homes that were in "A" zones are now in "V" zones.

Brief discussion ensued.

The Chairman asked if anyone would like to provide final comment. Hearing none, the Chairman requested the Planning Director's recommendation.

Mr. Perry recommended closing the public hearing so the Planning Board can vote on its Report with Recommendation to Town Meeting this evening.

A motion was made by Mrs. Miller, duly seconded by Mr. Larrivee, and unanimously voted to (5-0), to close the public hearing on the proposed zoning amendments at 7:47 p.m. and return to the Planning Board's regular meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. Joyce J. Couture  
Planning Aide