# WEDNESDAY APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup> 2014

# TOWN OF EASTHAM AGENDA BOARD OF SELECTMEN WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2014 WORK SESSION 2:30 PM

Location: <u>Timothy Smith Room</u>

#### I. WORK SESSION

- 1. Vote Warrant Articles
- 2. Assign Warrant Articles to Selectmen for Town Meeting
- 3. Road Maintenance By-Law
- 4. Schedule of Meetings before Town Meeting

#### II. Minutes

- 1. Wednesday March 19, 2014 Work Session
- 2. Wednesday March 19, 2014 Executive Session
- 3. Monday March 31, 2014 Executive Session

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: Contract Negotiations, Litigation** 

(Other than public hearings, all times are approximate and items may be taken out of order.)

#### **Upcoming Meetings**

Monday, April 14, 2014

5:00 p.m.

Public Hearing- Budget, Capital Warrant Articles,

Road Maintenance / Snow Plow By-Law

Other Articles

Monday, May 5, 2014

7:00 pm.

Annual Town Meeting

Nauset Regional High School Gymnasium

The listing of matters includes those reasonable anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

This meeting will be video recorded and broadcast over Local Access Channel 18 and through the Town website at <a href="https://www.eastham-ma.gov">www.eastham-ma.gov</a>

## I. WORK SESSION

# SEE HARD COPY OF WARRANT

INFO. FLOOD GUIDANCE

U.S. Department of Homeland Security 500 C Street, SW Washington, DC 20472



CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

John F. Knight Chairperson, Board of Selectmen Town of Eastham 2500 State Highway Eastham, Massachusetts 02642



Dear Mr. Knight:

I commend you for the efforts that have been put forth in implementing the floodplain management measures for the Town of Eastham, Massachusetts, to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). As you implement these measures, I want to emphasize the following:

- a Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) have been completed for your community;
- the FIS and FIRM will become effective on July 16, 2014; and
- by the FIS and FIRM effective date, the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Regional Office is required to approve the legally enforceable floodplain management measures your community adopts in accordance with Title 44 Code of Federal Regulations Section 60.3(e).

As noted in FEMA's letter dated January 16, 2014, no significant changes have been made to the flood hazard data on the Preliminary and/or revised Preliminary copies of the FIRM for Barnstable County. Therefore, the Town of Eastham should use the Preliminary and/or revised Preliminary copies of the FIRM as the basis for adopting the required floodplain management measures. Final printed copies of the FIRM for the Town of Eastham will be sent to you within the next few months.

If you encounter difficulties in enacting the measures, I recommend you contact the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation. You may contact Richard Zingarelli, the State NFIP Coordinator, by telephone at (617) 626-1406, in writing at 251 Causeway Street, Suite 800, Boston, Massachusetts 02114, or by electronic mail at richard.zingarelli@state.ma.us.

The FEMA Regional staff in Boston, Massachusetts, is also available to provide technical assistance and guidance in the development of floodplain management measures. The adoption of compliant floodplain management measures will provide protection for the Town of Eastham and will ensure its participation in the NFIP. The Regional Office may be contacted by telephone at (617) 832-4712 or in writing. Please send your written inquiries to the Director, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Division, FEMA Region I, at 99 High Street, Sixth Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110.

John F. Knight

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You may have already contacted the State NFIP Coordinator and/or the FEMA Regional Office, and may be in the final adoption process or recently adopted the appropriate measures. However, in the event your community has not adopted the appropriate measures, this letter is FEMA's official notification that you only have until July 16, 2014, to adopt and/or submit a floodplain management ordinance that meets or exceeds the minimum NFIP requirements, and request approval from the FEMA Regional Office by the effective date. Your community's adopted measures will be reviewed upon receipt and the FEMA Regional Office will notify you when the measures are approved.

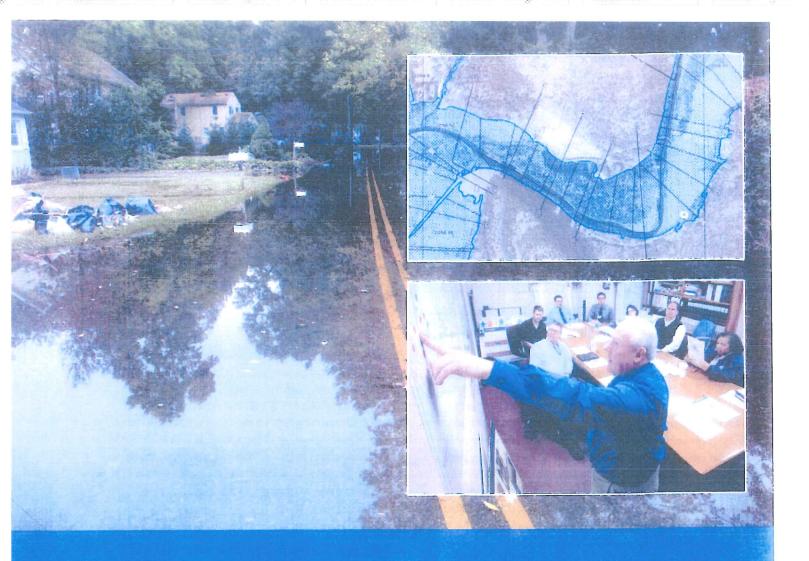
I appreciate your cooperation to ensure that your community's floodplain management measures are approved by the FEMA Regional Office by July 16, 2014. Your compliance with these mandatory program requirements will enable your community to avoid suspension from the NFIP.

Sincerely,

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David H. Stearrett, CFM, Chief Floodplain Management Branch Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration

cc: Paul Ford, Acting Regional Administrator, FEMA Region I
 Richard Zingarelli, State NFIP Coordinator, Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation
 Sheila Vanderhoef, Town Administrator, Town of Eastham



# Adoption of Flood Insurance Rate Maps by Participating Communities

FEMA P-495 / September 2012



# Adoption of Flood Insurance Rate Maps by Participating Communities

The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) was established with the passage of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968. The NFIP is a Federal program enabling property owners in participating communities to purchase insurance as a protection against flood losses in exchange for State and community floodplain management regulations that reduce future flood damages. Over 21,000 communities participate in the Program.

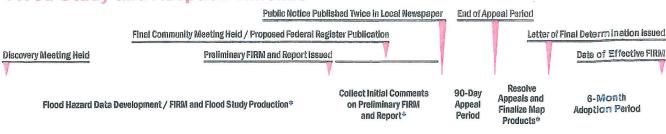
This brochure addresses several questions about community adoption of the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM). As a participating community in the NFIP, your community is responsible for making sure that its floodplain management regulations meet or exceed the minimum requirements of the NFIP. By law, the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) cannot offer flood insurance in communities that do not have regulations that meet or exceed these minimum requirements. These regulations can be found in Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations (44 CFR) Section 60.3. You can also find them in model ordinances developed by most States and by FEMA Regional Offices.

The basis of your community's floodplain management regulations is the flood hazard data provided to the community by FEMA. FEMA identifies flood hazards nationwide and publishes and periodically updates flood hazard data in support of the NFIP. Flood hazard data is provided to communities in the form of a FIRM and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report, typically prepared in a countywide format. Please be aware that while an FIS report accompanies most FIRMs, it is not created for all flood studies.

The identification of flood hazards serves many important purposes. Identifying flood hazards creates an awareness of the hazard, especially for those who live and work in floodprone areas. The FIRM and FIS report provide States and communities with the information needed for land use planning and to reduce flood risk to floodplain development and implement other health and safety requirements through codes and regulations. States and communities can also use the information for emergency management.

Each time FEMA provides your community with additional flood hazard data, your community must adopt new floodplain management regulations or amend existing regulations to incorporate the new data and meet any additional requirements that result from any changes in the data, such as the designation of a regulatory floodway for the first time. Your floodplain management regulations must also meet any additional State requirements and be adopted through a process that complies with any procedural requirements established in your State for the adoption of ordinances or regulations.

#### Flood Study and Adoption Timeline



\*The timeframe for completing these activites may vary.

#### What is the process for developing new flood hazard data or revising existing data?

FEMA coordinates closely with communities to develop new flood risk data or revise existing data during the flood study process. This coordination may lead to new or updated flood hazard mapping (i.e., the update of a community's FIRM and FIS report), flood risk assessment projects, and/or mitigation planning assistance. In general, the process includes the following activities:

- Under FEMA's Risk MAP program, FEMA engages in a Discovery process with communities and other local stakeholders to obtain a comprehensive picture of flooding issues, flood risk, and the potential for the performance of additional flood mitigation activities, including the adoption of more restrictive floodplain management criteria by communities. Stakeholders may include, but are not limited to, local officials, citizen associations, representatives of levee boards, conservation districts, Tribal Nations, and economic development organizations. Information obtained during the Discovery meeting helps determine whether a flood risk assessment project, including new or updated flood hazard data and a corresponding FIRM and FIS report, is needed.
- Once it is determined that the creation or revision
  of flood hazard data, including an update to the
  FIRM and FIS report, is needed, FEMA works with
  communities and other Discovery stakeholders to
  determine the parameters of the project, including
  flooding sources and the type and extent (number of
  stream or coastline miles) of the study.
- The mapping process typically includes development of Base Flood Elevations (BFEs) and floodways for the project area. In addition, the mapping process includes activities such as obtaining the digital base map, developing the FIRM flood hazard database and, when appropriate, incorporating or revalidating previously issued Letters of Map Change, or LOMCs. LOMCs, which include Letters of Map Revision (LOMRs), Letters of Map Revision Based on Fill and Letters of Map Amendment, serve to officially revise the effective FIRM and FIS report without requiring the physical revision and republication of these materials.
- When the study is completed, FEMA provides the community with a preliminary FIRM and FIS report for review. In addition, FEMA may hold public meetings—often referred to as the Final Meeting and Open House—to explain and obtain comments on the preliminary FIRM and FIS report.

- FEMA provides a 90-day appeal period for all new or modified flood hazard information shown on a FIRM, including additions or modifications of any BFEs, base flood depths, Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) boundaries or zone designations, or regulatory floodways. SFHAs are areas subject to inundation by the base (1-percent-annual-chance) flood and include the following flood zones: A, AO, AH, A1-A30, AE, A99, AR, AR/A1-A30, AR/AE, AR/AO, AR/AH, AR/A, VO, V1-V30, VE, and V. The regulatory floodway is the channel of a river or other watercourse and the adjacent land areas that must be reserved in order to discharge the base flood without cumulatively increasing the water surface elevation more than a designated height. Before the appeal period is initiated, FEMA will publish a notice of proposed flood hazard determinations in the Federal Register and notify the community's Chief Executive Officer of the determination. FEMA will then publish information about the flood hazard determinations at least twice in a local newspaper. The appeal period provides the community and owners or lessees of property in the community an opportunity to submit scientific or technical information if they believe the flood hazard determinations are scientifically or technically
- Following the 90-day appeal period, FEMA resolves all appeals and finalizes all changes to the FIRM and FIS report.
- FEMA then issues a Letter of Final Determination (LFD), which establishes the final flood hazard data and the effective date of the new FIRM and FIS report for the community. The LFD also initiates the sixmonth adoption period during which the community must adopt or amend its floodplain management regulations to reference the new FIRM and FIS report.
- The FIRM and FIS report become effective at the end of the six-month period. The effective date is also the date when flood insurance rates will be based on the new flood data for new construction built after this date. The effective FIRM will be used by Federally insured or regulated lenders to determine if flood insurance is required as a condition of a loan.

FEMA has entered into agreements with nearly 250 communities, States, and regional agencies to be active partners in FEMA's flood hazard mapping program under the Cooperating Technical Partners (CTP) Program. These agencies are participating with FEMA in developing and updating FIRMs. (See the box on the inside of the back cover page for a brief description of the CTP program.)



FIRM

## What must an NFIP participating community do when FEMA provides new or revised flood hazard data?

Each time FEMA provides a community with new or revised flood hazard data, the community must either adopt new floodplain management regulations, or amend its existing regulations to reference the new FIRM and FIS report. In some cases, communities may have to adopt additional floodplain management requirements if a new type of flood hazard data is provided, such as a new flood zone (e.g., going from a Zone A without BFEs to a Zone AE with BFEs or going from a Zone AE to a Zone VE—the coastal high hazard area), or with the addition of a regulatory floodway designation.

The following guide is to help you determine whether changes need to be made in your community's floodplain management regulations when a new or revised FIRM and FIS report are provided:

- If the community's floodplain management regulations are compliant with the NFIP requirements when the LFD is issued, the community needs to amend only the map reference section of their floodplain management regulations to identify the new FIRM and FIS report.
- If the community has a legally valid automatic adoption clause established in the map reference section of the regulations and the community's regulations are otherwise compliant with the NFIP requirements, then the floodplain management

regulations do not need to be amended. Automatic adoption clauses adopt all future revisions to the FIRM without further action by the community. However, keep in mind that the FIRM and FIS report update process outlined above still applies for communities with automatic adoption clauses. Automatic adoption clauses are not permitted in many States.

 If the community is provided a new type of flood hazard data, the community will need to either adopt new regulations or amend existing regulations to include the appropriate NFIP requirements, in addition to referencing the new FIRM and FIS report.

The LFD indicates the sections of the NFIP floodplain management requirements at 44 CFR Section 60.3 that a community must adopt based on the type of flood hazard data provided to the community.

You can contact the FEMA Regional Office or your State NFIP Coordinating Agency for assistance on the specific requirements your community will need to adopt. (See "For Assistance" on the back cover page for contact information.)

If your community has adopted higher standards than the minimum requirements of the NFIP, your community may qualify for a reduction in flood insurance premiums for your citizens under the Community Rating System (CRS). (See the box on the inside of the back cover for a brief description of the CRS.)



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#### When must a community adopt the new or revised flood hazard data?

Your community must amend its existing floodplain management regulations or adopt new regulations before the effective date of the FIRM and FIS report, which is identified in the LFD. The LFD initiates the six-month adoption period.

Communities are encouraged to adopt the appropriate floodplain management regulations as soon as possible after the LFD is issued. The adopted regulations must be submitted to FEMA or the State and be approved by FEMA before the effective date of the FIRM and FIS report.

FEMA will send two letters notifying the community that it must have approved floodplain management regulations in place before the effective date of the FIRM. The first letter is a reminder letter and is sent to the community 90 days before the effective date. The second letter is sent to the community 30 days before the effective date of the FIRM. This letter is FEMA's final notification that the community will be suspended from the NFIP if it does not adopt the FIRM before the effective date. Notice of the suspension is also published in the Federal Register.

If the community adopts or amends its floodplain management regulations prior to the effective date of the FIRM and FIS report and the FEMA Regional Office approves the community's regulations, the suspension will not go into effect and the community will remain eligible for participation in the NFIP.

# What happens if a community does not adopt the appropriate floodplain management regulations during the six-month adoption period?

If a community does not adopt new floodplain management regulations or amend its existing regulations before the effective date of the FIRM and FIS report, the community will be suspended from the NFIP.

The following sanctions apply if a community is suspended from the NFIP:

- Property owners will not be able to purchase NFIP flood insurance policies and existing policies will not be renewed.
- Federal grants or loans for development will not be available in identified flood hazard areas under programs administered by Federal agencies such as the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Small Business Administration.
- Federal disaster assistance will not be provided to repair insurable buildings located in identified flood hazard areas for damage caused by a flood.
- Federal mortgage insurance or loan guarantees will not be provided in identified flood hazard areas such as those written by the Federal Housing Administration and the Department of Veteran Affairs.
- Federally insured or regulated lending institutions, such as banks and credit unions, are allowed to



Elevated home on pile foundation



Elevated home on crawl space foundation

make conventional loans for insurable buildings in flood hazard areas of non-participating communities. However, the lender must notify applicants that the property is in a flood hazard area and that the property is not eligible for Federal disaster assistance. Some lenders may voluntarily choose not to make these loans.

If a community is suspended, it may regain its eligibility in the NFIP by enacting the floodplain management measures established in 44 CFR Section 60.3 of the NFIP regulations. If development takes place in your community during suspension that does not meet the minimum NFIP requirements, your community will be asked to take actions to reduce the increased flood hazard prior to reinstatement.

#### **Digital Flood Hazard Information Resources**

In accordance with the Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2004, FEMA has implemented a policy that allows the use of digital data for official NFIP purposes. All FEMA's flood mapping products are now prepared digitally, and a number of different digital options are available to view the flood hazard information shown on community FIRMs. All digital flood hazard resources referenced below can be accessed through FEMA's Map Service Center (MSC) at http://msc.fema.gov.

- Once effective, copies of the FIRM panels in digital format will be provided to your community and will also be available through the MSC. Note that Letters of Map Change (LOMCs) are also available through the MSC in .pdf format.
- FIRMettes show a desired section of a FIRM panel specified by a user, plus map scale, and other legend information from the FIRM. FIRMettes can be created online through the MSC, and printed or saved in .pdf format at no cost.
- The FIRM database is designed for use with specialized Geographic Information System (GIS) software. Users are able to integrate local data sets with the FEMA flood hazard data in the FIRM database to assist with floodplain management or mitigation planning measures. The FIRM

- database is provided to your community once the FIRM becomes effective and is also available for download through the MSC.
- The National Flood Hazard Layer (NFHL) contains all effective digital flood hazard information from FIRM databases and LOMRs produced by FEMA in one integrated nationwide dataset. It also contains point locations of other LOMCs, such as Letters of Map Revision Based on Fill and Letters of Map Amendment. The NFHL is available for viewing through FEMA's online map viewer which can be accessed through the MSC. The NFHL can also be viewed as a layer in Google Earth or accessed via Web Map Service (WMS), a web-based method of viewing map information using commercial GIS software, such as ESRI's ArcGIS. Additional information on these services is available through the MSC.

Note for communities that do not yet have digitally produced FIRMs: scanned digital versions of the paper FIRM panels are available through the MSC. However, since the FIRMs were not produced digitally, a FIRM database will not be available and the flood hazard information shown on the FIRMs will not be included in the NFHL.

#### **Becoming a Cooperating Technical Partner**



FEMA established the Cooperating Technical Partner (CTP) program to increase local involvement in, and

ownership of, the flood study process and the flood hazard data developed as part of that process. This program enables communities, and regional and State agencies that have the interest, capabilities, and resources to be active partners in FEMA's flood hazard mapping program.

One of the major objectives of the CTP program is to recognize States, regional agencies, and communities with proactive floodplain management programs that include identifying the flood risk and getting the information incorporated into official FEMA flood hazard data. The CTP Program maintains national standards consistent with the NFIP Regulations. The following are some of the benefits of being a CTP.

 CTPs are given an opportunity to develop more detailed maps by making local geospatial data a part of the FIRM

- CTPs receive support such as access to existing data, access to custom-made FEMA tools, technical assistance, and national recognition
- CTPs receive mentoring support, online examples of "best practices," and free training
- Communities that participate in the Community Rating System (CRS) that also become CTPs or are in an area covered by a regional or State CTP may be eligible to receive CRS credit for CTP activities

Another major objective and benefit of the CTP Program is the ability to leverage available funding and local data to make the most of limited resources. Communities, States, and regional agencies can take advantage of these benefits by entering into an agreement with FEMA that formalizes the types of mapping activities and support the CTP will provide. Nearly 250 communities, States, and regional agencies are currently participating in the CTP Program.

To learn more about becoming a CTP, visit www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/ctp\_main.shtm or contact your FEMA regional office (see back page for contact information)

#### **Becoming an NFIP Community Rating System Community**



The NFIP Community Rating System (CRS) recognizes community floodplain management practices that exceed the minimum requirements of the NFIP. CRS recognizes these efforts by

reducing the cost of flood insurance premiums from 5 percent to 45 percent for flood insurance policies in communities that participate in the CRS.

Many communities may already be doing activities that would earn credit under the CRS which would reduce flood insurance premiums for their citizens. Here are a few examples:

- Adopting and enforcing more protective building standards that result in safer new construction
- Informing the public about flood hazards and flood insurance and how to reduce flood damage
- o Preserving open space in the floodplain

To receive CRS credit, a community must submit a CRS application to FEMA which identifies floodplain management practices being implemented by the community. FEMA can help with the application. After FEMA reviews and verifies the application, the flood insurance premium discounts will go into effect. The amount of flood insurance policy premium discount depends on the number of CRS-credited activities a community performs.

Community participation in the CRS has many benefits:

- Discounts for flood insurance premiums from 5 percent to 45 percent
- Enhanced public safety
- Reduced flood damage
- Increased environmental protection
- Informed community residents supporting improved flood protection measures that will make communities safer from flood risks.

To learn more about CRS, visit www.fema.gov/business/nfip/crs.shtm or call 317-848-2898

#### For Assistance

If your community needs assistance in adopting the FIRM, you may contact the FEMA Regional Offices listed below. You may also contact your State Coordinating Agency for the NFIP. Additional information is available at www.fema.gov/rm-main/regional-contact-information.

#### **REGION I**

CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, VT 99 High Street, 6th Floor Boston, MA 02110 617-956-7506

#### **REGION II**

NJ, NY, PR, VI 26 Federal Plaza, Suite 1337 New York, NY 10278-0002 212-680-3600

#### **REGION III**

DE, DC, MD, PA, VA, WV 615 Chestnut Street 1 Independence Mall, 6th Floor Philadelphia, PA 19106-4404 215-931-5500

#### **REGION IV**

AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN 3003 Chamblee-Tucker Road Atlanta, GA 30341 770-220-5200

#### **REGION V**

IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, WI 536 South Clark Street, 6th Floo Chicago, IL 60605 312-408-5500

#### **REGION VI**

AR, LA, NM, OK, TX Federal Regional Center 800 North Loop 288 Denton, TX 76209-3698 940-898-5399

#### **REGION VII**

IA, KS, MO, NE 9221 Ward Parkway, Suite 300 Kansas City, MO 64114-3372 816-283-7061

#### **REGION VIII**

CO, MT, ND, SD, UT, WY Denver Federal Center, Building 710, Box 25267 Denver, CO 80225-0267 303-235-4800

#### **REGION IX**

AZ, CA, HI, NV, American Samoa, Guam, Marshall Islands and Northern Mariana Islands 1111 Broadway, Suite 1200 Oakland, CA 94607 510-627-7100

#### **REGION X**

AK, ID, OR, WA Federal Regional Center 130 228th Street SW Bothell, WA 98021-8627 425-487-4600

#### § 60.3 Flood plain management criteria for flood-prone areas.

The Federal Insurance Administrator will provide the data upon which flood plain management regulations shall be based. If the Federal Insurance Administrator has not provided sufficient data to furnish a basis for these regulations in a particular community, the community shall obtain, review and reasonably utilize data available from other Federal, State or other sources pending receipt of data from the Federal Insurance Administrator. However, when special flood hazard area designations and water surface elevations have been furnished by the Federal Insurance Administrator, they shall apply. The symbols defining such special flood hazard designations are set forth in §64.3 of this subchapter. In all cases the minimum requirements governing the adequacy of the flood plain management regulations for flood-prone areas adopted by a particular community depend on the amount of technical data formally provided to the community by the Federal Insurance Administrator. Minimum standards for communities are as follows:

- (a) When the Federal Insurance Administrator has not defined the special flood hazard areas within a community, has not provided water surface elevation data, and has not provided sufficient data to identify the floodway or coastal high hazard area, but the community has indicated the presence of such hazards by submitting an application to participate in the Program, the community shall:
  - (1) Require permits for all proposed construction or other development in the community, including the placement of manufactured homes, so that it may determine whether such construction or other development is proposed within flood-prone areas;
  - (2) Review proposed development to assure that all necessary permits have been received from those governmental agencies from which approval is required by Federal or State law, including section 404 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972, 33 U.S.C. 1334;
  - (3) Review all permit applications to determine whether proposed building sites will be reasonably safe from flooding. If a proposed building site is in a flood-prone area, all new construction and substantial improvements shall (i) be designed (or modified) and adequately anchored to prevent flotation, collapse, or lateral movement of the structure resulting from hydrodynamic and hydrostatic loads, including the effects of buoyancy, (ii) be constructed with materials resistant to flood damage, (iii) be constructed by methods and practices that minimize flood damages, and (iv) be constructed with electrical, heating, ventilation, plumbing, and air conditioning equipment and other service facilities that are designed and/or located so as to prevent water from entering or accumulating within the components during conditions of flooding.
  - (4) Review subdivision proposals and other proposed new development, including manufactured home parks or subdivisions, to determine whether such proposals will be reasonably safe from flooding. If a subdivision proposal or other proposed new development is in a flood-prone area, any such proposals shall be reviewed to assure that (i) all such proposals are consistent with the need to minimize flood damage within the flood-prone area, (ii) all public utilities and facilities, such as sewer, gas, electrical, and water systems are located and constructed to minimize or eliminate flood damage, and (iii) adequate drainage is provided to reduce exposure to flood hazards;
  - (5) Require within flood-prone areas new and replacement water supply systems to be designed to minimize or eliminate infiltration of flood waters into the systems; and
  - (6) Require within flood-prone areas (i) new and replacement sanitary sewage systems to be designed to minimize or eliminate infiltration of flood waters into the systems and discharges from the systems into flood waters and (ii) onsite waste disposal systems to be located to avoid impairment to them or contamination from them during flooding.
- (b) When the Federal Insurance Administrator has designated areas of special flood hazards (A zones) by the publication of a community's FHBM or FIRM, but has neither produced water surface elevation data nor identified a floodway or coastal high hazard area, the community shall:
  - (1) Require permits for all proposed construction and other developments including the placement of manufactured homes, within Zone A on the community's FHBM or FIRM;
  - (2) Require the application of the standards in paragraphs (a) (2), (3), (4), (5) and (6) of this section to development within Zone A on the community's FHBM or FIRM;

- (3) Require that all new subdivision proposals and other proposed developments (including proposals for manufactured home parks and subdivisions) greater than 50 lots or 5 acres, whichever is the lesser, include within such proposals base flood elevation data;
- (4) Obtain, review and reasonably utilize any base flood elevation and floodway data available from a Federal, State, or other source, including data developed pursuant to paragraph (b)(3) of this section, as criteria for requiring that new construction, substantial improvements, or other development in Zone A on the community's FHBM or FIRM meet the standards in paragraphs (c)(2), (c)(3), (c)(5), (c)(6), (c)(12), (c)(14), (d)(2) and (d)(3) of this section;
- (5) Where base flood elevation data are utilized, within Zone A on the community's FHBM or FIRM:
- (i) Obtain the elevation (in relation to mean sea level) of the lowest floor (including basement) of all new and substantially improved structures, and
- (ii) Obtain, if the structure has been floodproofed in accordance with paragraph (c)(3)(ii) of this section, the elevation (in relation to mean sea level) to which the structure was floodproofed, and
- (iii) Maintain a record of all such information with the official designated by the community under §59.22 (a)(9)(iii);
- (6) Notify, in riverine situations, adjacent communities and the State Coordinating Office prior to any alteration or relocation of a watercourse, and submit copies of such notifications to the Federal Insurance Administrator;
- (7) Assure that the flood carrying capacity within the altered or relocated portion of any watercourse is maintained;
- (8) Require that all manufactured homes to be placed within Zone A on a community's FHBM or FIRM shall be installed using methods and practices which minimize flood damage. For the purposes of this requirement, manufactured homes must be elevated and anchored to resist flotation, collapse, or lateral movement. Methods of anchoring may include, but are not to be limited to, use of over-the-top or frame ties to ground anchors. This requirement is in addition to applicable State and local anchoring requirements for resisting wind forces.
- (c) When the Federal Insurance Administrator has provided a notice of final flood elevations for one or more special flood hazard areas on the community's FIRM and, if appropriate, has designated other special flood hazard areas without base flood elevations on the community's FIRM, but has not identified a regulatory floodway or coastal high hazard area, the community shall:
  - (1) Require the standards of paragraph (b) of this section within all A1-30 zones, AE zones, A zones, AH zones, and AO zones, on the community's FIRM;
  - (2) Require that all new construction and substantial improvements of residential structures within Zones A1-30, AE and AH zones on the community's FIRM have the lowest floor (including basement) elevated to or above the base flood level, unless the community is granted an exception by the Federal Insurance Administrator for the allowance of basements in accordance with §60.6 (b) or (c);
  - (3) Require that all new construction and substantial improvements of non-residential structures within Zones A1-30, AE and AH zones on the community's firm (i) have the lowest floor (including basement) elevated to or above the base flood level or, (ii) together with attendant utility and sanitary facilities, be designed so that below the base flood level the structure is watertight with walls substantially impermeable to the passage of water and with structural components having the capability of resisting hydrostatic and hydrodynamic loads and effects of buoyancy;
  - (4) Provide that where a non-residential structure is intended to be made watertight below the base flood level, (i) a registered professional engineer or architect shall develop and/or review structural design, specifications, and plans for the construction, and shall certify that the design and methods of construction are in accordance with accepted standards of practice for meeting the applicable provisions of paragraph (c)(3)(ii) or (c)(8)(ii) of this section, and (ii) a record of such certificates which includes the specific elevation (in relation to mean sea level) to which such structures are floodproofed shall be maintained with the official designated by the community under §59.22(a)(9)(iii);
  - (5) Require, for all new construction and substantial improvements, that fully enclosed areas below the lowest floor that are usable solely for parking of vehicles, building access or storage in an area other than a basement and which are subject to flooding shall be designed to automatically equalize hydrostatic flood forces on exterior walls by allowing for the entry and exit of floodwaters. Designs for meeting this requirement must either be certified by a registered professional engineer or architect or meet or exceed the following minimum criteria: A minimum of two openings having a total net area of not less than one square inch for every square foot of enclosed area subject to

flooding shall be provided. The bottom of all openings shall be no higher than one foot above grade. Openings may be equipped with screens, louvers, valves, or other coverings or devices provided that they permit the automatic entry and exit of floodwaters.

- (6) Require that manufactured homes that are placed or substantially improved within Zones A1-30, AH, and AE on the community's FIRM on sites
- (i) Outside of a manufactured home park or subdivision,
- (ii) In a new manufactured home park or subdivision,
- (iii) In an expansion to an existing manufactured home park or subdivision, or
- (iv) In an existing manufactured home park or subdivision on which a manufactured home has incurred "substantial damage" as the result of a flood, be elevated on a permanent foundation such that the lowest floor of the manufactured home is elevated to or above the base flood elevation and be securely anchored to an adequately anchored foundation system to resist floatation collapse and lateral movement.
- (7) Require within any AO zone on the community's FIRM that all new construction and substantial improvements of residential structures have the lowest floor (including basement) elevated above the highest adjacent grade at least as high as the depth number specified in feet on the community's FIRM (at least two feet if no depth number is specified);
- (8) Require within any AO zone on the community's FIRM that all new construction and substantial improvements of nonresidential structures (i) have the lowest floor (including basement) elevated above the highest adjacent grade at least as high as the depth number specified in feet on the community's FIRM (at least two feet if no depth number is specified), or (ii) together with attendant utility and sanitary facilities be completely floodproofed to that level to meet the floodproofing standard specified in §60.3(c)(3)(ii);
- (9) Require within any A99 zones on a community's FIRM the standards of paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(4)(i) and (b)(5) through (b)(9) of this section;
- (10) Require until a regulatory floodway is designated, that no new construction, substantial improvements, or other development (including fill) shall be permitted within Zones A1-30 and AE on the community's FIRM, unless it is demonstrated that the cumulative effect of the proposed development, when combined with all other existing and anticipated development, will not increase the water surface elevation of the base flood more than one foot at any point within the community.
- (11) Require within Zones AH and AO, adequate drainage paths around structures on slopes, to guide floodwaters around and away from proposed structures.
- (12) Require that manufactured homes to be placed or substantially improved on sites in an existing manufactured home park or subdivision within Zones A-1-30, AH, and AE on the community's FIRM that are not subject to the provisions of paragraph (c)(6) of this section be elevated so that either
- (i) The lowest floor of the manufactured home is at or above the base flood elevation, or
- (ii) The manufactured home chassis is supported by reinforced piers or other foundation elements of at least equivalent strength that are no less than 36 inches in height above grade and be securely anchored to an adequately anchored foundation system to resist floatation, collapse, and lateral movement.
- (13) Notwithstanding any other provisions of §60.3, a community may approve certain development in Zones Al-30, AE, and AH, on the community's FIRM which increase the water surface elevation of the base flood by more than one foot, provided that the community first applies for a conditional FIRM revision, fulfills the requirements for such a revision as established under the provisions of §65.12, and receives the approval of the Federal Insurance Administrator.
- (14) Require that recreational vehicles placed on sites within Zones A1-30, AH, and AE on the community's FIRM either
- (i) Be on the site for fewer than 180 consecutive days,
- (ii) Be fully licensed and ready for highway use, or

(iii) Meet the permit requirements of paragraph (b)(1) of this section and the elevation and anchoring requirements for "manufactured homes" in paragraph (c)(6) of this section.

A recreational vehicle is ready for highway use if it is on its wheels or jacking system, is attached to the site only by quick disconnect type utilities and security devices, and has no permanently attached additions.

- (d) When the Federal Insurance Administrator has provided a notice of final base flood elevations within Zones A1-30 and/or AE on the community's FIRM and, if appropriate, has designated AO zones, AH zones, A99 zones, and A zones on the community's FIRM, and has provided data from which the community shall designate its regulatory floodway, the community shall:
  - (1) Meet the requirements of paragraphs (c) (1) through (14) of this section;
  - (2) Select and adopt a regulatory floodway based on the principle that the area chosen for the regulatory floodway must be designed to carry the waters of the base flood, without increasing the water surface elevation of that flood more than one foot at any point;
  - (3) Prohibit encroachments, including fill, new construction, substantial improvements, and other development within the adopted regulatory floodway unless it has been demonstrated through hydrologic and hydraulic analyses performed in accordance with standard engineering practice that the proposed encroachment would not result in any increase in flood levels within the community during the occurrence of the base flood discharge;
  - (4) Notwithstanding any other provisions of §60.3, a community may permit encroachments within the adopted regulatory floodway that would result in an increase in base flood elevations, provided that the community first applies for a conditional FIRM and floodway revision, fulfills the requirements for such revisions as established under the provisions of §65.12, and receives the approval of the Federal Insurance Administrator.
- (e) When the Federal Insurance Administrator has provided a notice of final base flood elevations within Zones A1-30 and/or AE on the community's FIRM and, if appropriate, has designated AH zones, AO zones, A99 zones, and A zones on the community's FIRM, and has identified on the community's FIRM coastal high hazard areas by designating Zones V1-30, VE, and/or V, the community shall:
  - (1) Meet the requirements of paragraphs (c)(1) through (14) of this section;
  - (2) Within Zones V1-30, VE, and V on a community's FIRM, (i) obtain the elevation (in relation to mean sea level) of the bottom of the lowest structural member of the lowest floor (excluding pilings and columns) of all new and substantially improved structures, and whether or not such structures contain a basement, and (ii) maintain a record of all such information with the official designated by the community under §59.22(a)(9)(iii);
  - (3) Provide that all new construction within Zones V1-30, VE, and V on the community's FIRM is located landward of the reach of mean high tide;
  - (4) Provide that all new construction and substantial improvements in Zones V1-30 and VE, and also Zone V if base flood elevation data is available, on the community's FIRM, are elevated on pilings and columns so that (i) the bottom of the lowest horizontal structural member of the lowest floor (excluding the pilings or columns) is elevated to or above the base flood level; and (ii) the pile or column foundation and structure attached thereto is anchored to resist flotation, collapse and lateral movement due to the effects of wind and water loads acting simultaneously on all building components. Water loading values used shall be those associated with the base flood. Wind loading values used shall be those required by applicable State or local building standards. A registered professional engineer or architect shall develop or review the structural design, specifications and plans for the construction, and shall certify that the design and methods of construction to be used are in accordance with accepted standards of practice for meeting the provisions of paragraphs (e)(4) (i) and (ii) of this section.
  - (5) Provide that all new construction and substantial improvements within Zones V1-30, VE, and V on the community's FIRM have the space below the lowest floor either free of obstruction or constructed with non-supporting breakaway walls, open wood lattice-work, or insect screening intended to collapse under wind and water loads without causing collapse, displacement, or other structural damage to the elevated portion of the building or supporting foundation system. For the purposes of this section, a breakway wall shall have a design safe loading resistance of not less than 10 and no more than 20 pounds per square foot. Use of breakway walls which exceed a design safe loading resistance of 20 pounds per square foot (either by design or when so required by local or State

codes) may be permitted only if a registered professional engineer or architect certifies that the designs proposed meet the following conditions:

- (i) Breakaway wall collapse shall result from a water load less than that which would occur during the base flood; and,
- (ii) The elevated portion of the building and supporting foundation system shall not be subject to collapse, displacement, or other structural damage due to the effects of wind and water loads acting simultaneously on all building components (structural and non-structural). Water loading values used shall be those associated with the base flood. Wind loading values used shall be those required by applicable State or local building standards.

Such enclosed space shall be useable solely for parking of vehicles, building access, or storage.

- (6) Prohibit the use of fill for structural support of buildings within Zones V1-30, VE, and V on the community's FIRM;
- (7) Prohibit man-made alteration of sand dunes and mangrove stands within Zones V1-30, VE, and V on the community's FIRM which would increase potential flood damage.
- (8) Require that manufactured homes placed or substantially improved within Zones V1-30, V, and VE on the community's FIRM on sites
- (i) Outside of a manufactured home park or subdivision,
- (ii) In a new manufactured home park or subdivision,
- (iii) In an expansion to an existing manufactured home park or subdivision, or
- (iv) In an existing manufactured home park or subdivision on which a manufactured home has incurred "substantial damage" as the result of a flood, meet the standards of paragraphs (e)(2) through (7) of this section and that manufactured homes placed or substantially improved on other sites in an existing manufactured home park or subdivision within Zones VI-30, V, and VE on the community's FIRM meet the requirements of paragraph (c)(12) of this section.
- (9) Require that recreational vehicles placed on sites within Zones V1-30, V, and VE on the community's FIRM either
- (i) Be on the site for fewer than 180 consecutive days,
- (ii) Be fully licensed and ready for highway use, or
- (iii) Meet the requirements in paragraphs (b)(1) and (e) (2) through (7) of this section.

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- (f) When the Federal Insurance Administrator has provided a notice of final base flood elevations within Zones A1-30 or AE on the community's FIRM, and, if appropriate, has designated AH zones, AO zones, A99 zones, and A zones on the community's FIRM, and has identified flood protection restoration areas by designating Zones AR, AR/A1-30, AR/AE, AR/AH, AR/AO, or AR/A, the community shall:
  - (1) Meet the requirements of paragraphs (c)(1) through (14) and (d)(1) through (4) of this section.
  - (2) Adopt the official map or legal description of those areas within Zones AR, AR/A1-30, AR/AE, AR/AH, AR/A, or AR/AO that are designated developed areas as defined in §59.1 in accordance with the eligibility procedures under §65.14.
  - (3) For all new construction of structures in areas within Zone AR that are designated as developed areas and in other areas within Zone AR where the AR flood depth is 5 feet or less:
  - (i) Determine the lower of either the AR base flood elevation or the elevation that is 3 feet above highest adjacent grade; and
  - (ii) Using this elevation, require the standards of paragraphs (c)(1) through (14) of this section.

- (4) For all new construction of structures in those areas within Zone AR that are not designated as developed areas where the AR flood depth is greater than 5 feet:
- (i) Determine the AR base flood elevation; and
- (ii) Using that elevation require the standards of paragraphs (c)(1) through (14) of this section.
- (5) For all new construction of structures in areas within Zone AR/A1-30, AR/AE, AR/AH, AR/AO, and AR/A:
- (i) Determine the applicable elevation for Zone AR from paragraphs (a)(3) and (4) of this section;
- (ii) Determine the base flood elevation or flood depth for the underlying A1-30, AE, AH, AO and A Zone; and
- (iii) Using the higher elevation from paragraphs (a)(5)(i) and (ii) of this section require the standards of paragraphs (c)(1) through (14) of this section.
- (6) For all substantial improvements to existing construction within Zones AR/A1-30, AR/AE, AR/AH, AR/AO, and AR/A:
- (i) Determine the A1-30 or AE, AH, AO, or A Zone base flood elevation; and
- (ii) Using this elevation apply the requirements of paragraphs (c)(1) through (14) of this section.
- (7) Notify the permit applicant that the area has been designated as an AR, AR/A1-30, AR/AE, AR/AH, AR/AO, or AR/A Zone and whether the structure will be elevated or protected to or above the AR base flood elevation.

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#### **United States Department of the Interior**

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IN REPLY REFER TO: N1621 (CACO-NRM)

March 25, 2014

Town Of Eastham Conservation Commission 2500 State Highway Eastham, MA 02642

Dear Stephen Smith,

Your property is within the boundaries of Cape Cod National Seashore, which is also home to threatened, nesting shorebirds, such as piping plovers and least terns. Numbers of these shorebirds have increased within the national seashore over the past 20 years through various management practices. These activities include reducing human disturbance by placing symbolic fencing around nesting areas and reducing unnaturally high predator pressures by installing predator exclosures around piping plover nests. Under both the federal and state endangered species acts, landowners are responsible for protecting suitable shorebird nesting habitat and activity on their property. Within the national seashore, shorebird protection, depending on property ownership, may be the responsibility of the National Park Service, towns, or private landowners. Suitable shorebird nesting habitat has been identified on both private and federal lands in your area, with indications that threatened birds may nest on your property as well as nearby national seashore property.

Protection and management of nesting shorebirds within the national seashore is complex. Further, the lack of continuity in beach regulations, signage, and management between the various land owners within the park has created a sometimes confusing situation for the general public who can't always differentiate between land ownership. In recent years, there has been an increased effort in communication and coordination regarding shorebird management between the national seashore and neighboring private land owners; we will strive to continue improving communication and coordination.

As shorebirds begin returning to the Cape and establish nesting sites, national seashore staff will be installing pre-fencing (five-foot wooden posts connected by a line of cotton twine) along the upper beach, on most suitable nesting habitat from Eastham to Provincetown. Our intent is to limit this pre-fencing to NPS-managed lands. That said, identifying boundary lines on the

beachfront can be difficult; therefore, we ask that you contact us if you do not want NPS to install this pre-fencing on your property.

If a shorebird nest is found on your property later in the season, national seashore staff will contact you about the nest(s) and discuss the possibility for providing assistance with managing habitat/nests, which would be evaluated on a case by case basis. The following actions would take place if the national seashore agrees to oversee shorebird management on your property:

- The landowners will support national seashore shorebird protection and management practices, which will be provided if the need arises:
- Effort will be made to accommodate any reasonable requests made by the landowners within staffing and funding availability; and
- National seashore staff will work closely with the landowners to provide regular updates throughout the nesting season.

Please contact Mary Hake, Natural Resource Management Specialist, at 508-487-3262 (ext. 0511) if you do not want the Seashore's assistance in protecting shorebirds on your property, or have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely

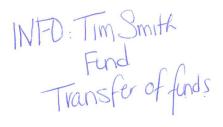
George E. Price, Jr.

Superintendent



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TO:

Diane Rommelmeyer, Town Accountant

Joan Plante, Treasurer/Collector

FROM:

Sheila Vanderhoef, Town Administrator

DATE:

April 8, 2014

RE:

Timothy Smith Fund-Transfer of Funds

The Board of Selectmen, acting as Trustees of the Timothy Smith Fund, voted unanimously at their Monday, April 7, 2014 meeting to transfer \$10,000 as follows:

From:

Timothy Smith Fund

Amount:

\$10,000

To:

Fuel Assistance in the General Fund

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

cc: Board of Selectmen

TTE Food Assistance
Acct
Tim Smith
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DATE:

April 7, 2014

TO:

Board of Selectmen

FROM:

Nan Balmer, Assistant Town Administrator

RE:

Timothy Smith - Needy Fund - Request for Transfer of Funds

Since 2005, by special vote of the Board of Selectmen acting as Trustees of the Timothy Smith Fund, the fund has been used to assist residents with fuel heating bills. The original transfer of funds from the Timothy Smith Fund to the Fuel Assistance Account was \$40,000.

The current balance in the Timothy Smith Fund is \$80,408.61. \$10,394.68 is remaining in the Fuel Assistance Account. Approximately \$12,000 annually is spent to assist local residents needing fuel assistance.

We are requesting the Board approve a transfer of \$10,000 from the Timothy Smith Fund to the Fuel Assistance Account.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.