

Hi Eric,

As promised, I have detailed below the town's next steps for adopting the new FEMA floodplain maps, which will become effective on September 30, 2015.

The Board of Selectmen is required to adopt the new maps by approving a resolution at a public selectmen's meeting. I have attached the suggested language of the resolution. It references RSA 674:57, which is the state law that authorizes the selectmen to adopt this resolution. The legislature enacted this statute because it was understood that there would be a time lag between the date by which new floodplain maps would become effective and New Hampshire's town meeting date. The purpose of the statute authorizing the selectmen to adopt the maps by resolution was to avoid requiring towns to hold special town meetings.

The selectmen must adopt the resolution before September 30, 2015, which is the effective date of the new FEMA maps. The resolution language is the first paragraph of the attached document. Once the resolution is adopted, the statute allows the selectmen to make the change in the zoning ordinance that is referenced in the bottom paragraph of the attached document. It's very important that the map panel numbers referred to in that paragraph are included in the amended zoning ordinance.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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Hi Eric,

Yes, the amendments to the floodplain ordinance that recently passed are part of the process to comply with the NFIP. The second part involves the town's adoption of the maps, which is done through a resolution by the governing body. Following adoption, RSA 674:57 allows municipalities to "amend" the floodplain ordinance to include the new map information and date. Once that is done, the town will need to submit a certified copy of the floodplain ordinance to me before the maps effective date (9/30/15). I will be sending out a letter detailing these next steps.

In June or July, FEMA will be holding a flood insurance workshop for the public to help answer questions about the new maps impact on flood insurance. I am planning to hold another workshop for community officials and other interested parties in September about using the new maps and the other products that FEMA will be releasing. In addition, I will be developing outreach materials that communities can use to help notify their residents about the new maps.

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