

Planning Board Town of Somerset


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SOMERSET, MA 02726

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ZONING AMENDMENTS

TOWN OF SOMERSET PLANNING BOARD

Pursuant to M.G.L. chapter 40A, section 5, notice is hereby given that the Somerset Planning Board will conduct public hearings on the following proposed amendments to the Somerset Zoning Bylaw on Tuesday, April 22, 2014, starting at 6:00 P.M. in the first floor hearing room of the Town Office Building, 140 Wood Street, Somerset, MA:

The following proposed amendments to the Zoning By-law provisions regarding the Flood Plain District:

Amendment of the existing language in section 3.2.4 by deleting the reference to Zone "A", by deleting the words "as amended" and by deleting the date "July 7, 2009" where it appears and inserting in its place the date "July 16, 2014".

Amendment of the existing language in section 9.3.1 by deleting the letter "F" following each panel number referenced and inserting in its place the letter "G", by deleting the date "July 7, 2009" in each place it occurs and inserting in its place the date "July 16, 2014".

Amendment adding the following new subsections c, d, and e after the existing provisions in section 9.3.2:

c. Floodway Data. In Zone A and AE, along watercourses that have not had a regulatory floodway designated, the best available Federal, State, local, or other floodway data shall be used to prohibit encroachments in floodways which would result in any increase in flood levels within the community during the occurrence of the base flood discharge.

d. In a riverine situation, the Building Inspector shall notify the following of any alterations or relocation of a watercourse:

- 1) Adjacent communities;
- 2) The NFIP State Coordinator, care of the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation; and,
- 3) The NFIP Program Specialist, care of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region 1.

e. All subdivision proposals must be designed to ensure that:

- 1) Such proposals minimize flood damage;

- 2) All public utilities and facilities are located and constructed to minimize or eliminate flood damage; and,
- 3) Adequate drainage is provide to reduce exposure to flood hazards.

The full text of the proposed amendments may be examined at the Planning Board office, 140 Wood Street, Second Floor, Somerset, MA, 02726. Anyone having a question concerning these petitions may contact the Somerset Planning Board by telephone at 508-646-2809 or by writing to the Planning Board, c/o Gary Simons, Chairman, at the foregoing address. Anyone wishing to be heard in connection with the petitions may do so either in person at the hearing noted above or by letter addressed to the Somerset Planning Board, 140 Wood St., Somerset, MA 02726.

Robert Rebello, Clerk
Somerset Planning Board