

Selectboard Hearing on Draft Flood Hazard Area Byelaws
September 13, 2016

Attendees:

Mike Button	Ruben Hook	Susan Elder
Nancy Royce	Rufus Royce	Karen Lathrop
David Button	Doug Lyford	David Morse
Dickson Corbett	Ernest Kennedy	

The hearing started at 7:00.

Mike Button opened the hearing and spoke about the timeline of events to arrive at this point.

Doug Lyford asked if the Selectboard had considered having a FEMA representative address the Town and what the Selectboard thought these byelaws impact on the Town would be. Mike Button addressed those questions, Selectboard did not consider it beneficial to have a FEMA representative address the town and that the Selectboard was concerned about the long-term effects this may have on the Town as development on approximately 70 properties may be more difficult.

Rufus Royce expressed concern that he was not aware of the document draft until that evening and also asked whether it was true the Town could opt out of the flood hazard area regulation. Dickson Corbett explained some of the reasons that it is important to have these byelaws in place, a major one being to keep the ability to purchase flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program (FEMA).

The hearing adjourned at 7:20