

ARTICLE ZB
(Two-thirds vote)

AMEND ZONING BYLAW – FLOOD PLAIN ZONING MAP

To see if the Town will vote to amend the zoning bylaw and zoning map, effective July 7, 2014, as follows:

A. Delete the 2nd bulleted paragraph in Section 2.2 (Zoning Map) and replace it with the following:

- “Flood Insurance Rate Map” (FIRM) for Middlesex County issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the administration of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), dated and effective beginning on July 7, 2014, Scale 1" = 500', consisting of the 14 map panels that are wholly or partially within the Town of Acton, designated herein as Map Number 2, and enumerated by FEMA as panels: 25017C0238F, 25017C0239F, 25017C0241F, 25017C0242F, 25017C0243F, 25017C0244F, 25017C0351F, 25017C0352F, 25017C0353F, 25017C0354F, 25017C0356F, 25017C0357F, 25017C0358F and 25017C0366F; and including the Middlesex County Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report dated July 7, 2014.

[Note – this paragraph currently reads as follows:

- *“Flood Insurance Rate Map” (FIRM) for Middlesex County issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the administration of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), dated and effective beginning on June 4, 2010, Scale 1" = 500', consisting of the 14 map panels that are wholly or partially within the Town of Acton, designated herein as Map Number 2, and enumerated by FEMA as panels: 25017C0238E, 25017C0239E, 25017C0241E, 25017C0242E, 25017C0243E, 25017C0244E, 25017C0351E, 25017C0352E, 25017C0353E, 25017C0354E, 25017C0356E, 25017C0357E, 25017C0358E and 25017C0366E; and including the Middlesex County Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report dated June 4, 2010.]*

B. Amend Section 4.1 (Flood Plain District) as follows:

1. At the end of the lead paragraph of section 4.1, change the date from “June 4, 2010” to “July 7, 2014”.
2. In both Subsections 4.1.3 and 4.1.3.1, change the date from “June 4, 2010 to “July 7, 2014”.
3. In subsection 4.1.9.2, delete “120.G” after “780 CMR”.

, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION

Move that the Town adopt the zoning bylaw amendments as set forth in the Article.

SUMMARY

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has updated the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM, also commonly referred to as flood plain maps) for Massachusetts counties, including Middlesex County, in which Acton lies. The new FIRMs are scheduled to go into effect in July 7, 2014. This article adopts the FIRM panels for Acton as part of the Town of Acton Zoning Map together with the new Flood Insurance Study (FIS) for Middlesex County so far as applicable to Acton. Failure to adopt the new FIRM and FIS into the Acton zoning bylaw will result in the loss of flood insurance for Acton property owners.

The old (2010) and the new (shown as Draft 2013) FIRM delineations are depicted on the Town of Acton website’s (www.acton-ma.gov) public interactive GIS/Mapping tool. Click on GIS/Mapping tool; Go Directly to Map; use Interactive Map tab; check Flood Zones; then click on at the Flood

Zones check to expand the legend; then click refresh. Use the Zoom and the Hand tools to navigate the map for viewing details.

The last part of the article updates a Massachusetts Building Code reference to reflect the changes in the most recent (8th) edition of the building code.

Direct inquiries to: Roland Bartl, AICP, Town Planner – (978) 929-6631
Selectman assigned:

Recommendations: **Board of Selectmen** **Finance Committee** **Planning Board**

DRAFT