

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Residents and property owners of the Town of Brookline and all other interested parties are notified that the Brookline Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 20, 2008 at the Brookline Town Office to hear comments on the proposed amendment of the Brookline Flood Hazard Area Bylaws recently submitted by the Brookline Planning Commission in accordance with 24 V.S.A. 4444.

The purpose of the Brookline Flood Hazard Area Bylaw is to promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the residents of the Town of Brookline; to implement the Brookline Town Plan as most recently adopted; to promote the conservation of resources and the orderly growth of the Town, to minimize and prevent the loss of life and property, the disruption of commerce, the impairment the tax base, and the extraordinary public expenditures and demands on public services that result from flooding and other flood related hazards; to ensure that the design and construction of development in flood and other hazard areas are accomplished in a manner that minimizes or eliminates the potential for flood and loss or damage to life and property; to manage all flood hazard areas designated pursuant to 10 V.S.A. 753; and to make the state, municipalities, and individuals eligible for federal flood insurance and other federal disaster recovery and hazard mitigation funds as may be available.

These bylaws apply to all areas in the Town of Brookline, Vermont identified as areas of special flood hazard in and on the most current flood insurance studies and maps published by the Department of Homeland Security, FEA, NFIP, as provided by the Secretary of the Agency of Natural Resources pursuant to 19 V.S.A. 753, which are adopted by reference and declared to be part of these bylaws.

The proposed amended Flood Hazard Area Bylaws includes the following sections:

- I. Statutory Authorization
- II. Statement of Purpose
- III. Lands to Which These Bylaws Apply
- IV. Development Permit Required
- V. Procedures
- VI. Base Flood Elevations and Floodway Limits
- VII. Development Standards
- VIII. Duties and Responsibilities of the Administrative Officer
- IX. Variances to the Development Standards
- X. Warning of Disclaimer of Liability
- XI. Validity and Severability
- XII. Precedence of Bylaw
- XIII. Enforcement and Penalties
- XIV. Definitions 7

Copies of the full text of the Bylaw, including maps are available at the Brookline Town Office during normal business hours. Interested parties may obtain a copy of the proposed Bylaw from the Town Clerk or by contacting Planning Commission Chair by phone (802) 365-4164 or by email at sindy@sover.net .

August 3, 2008
Brookline Selectboard

