

For Immediate Release:

DEERFIELD TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING ON FLOODPLAIN ZONING AMENDMENTS

The Town of Deerfield Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 25, 2019 at 7:00pm at the Deerfield Town Hall on proposed amendments to the Floodplain District Zoning Bylaw. The proposed amendments update the Floodplain regulations, and clarify the uses that are permitted, prohibited and permitted by Special Permit in the Floodplain District.

Deerfield is updating its Floodplain Zoning regulations as part of implementing the recommendations of the Town's recently adopted Municipal Vulnerability Plan (MVP). The MVP Plan lays out a strategy to reduce the town's vulnerability to increased flooding and severe weather events that are anticipated with climate change.

Deerfield's floodplain zoning has not been updated since 1980, and needs to be brought into conformance with federal flood insurance standards. The proposed updates will also clarify the use regulations and Special Permit process in the Floodplain district.

The full text of the Floodplain Bylaw can be found on the Town of Deerfield website at <https://www.deerfieldma.us> and paper copies can be obtained at the Deerfield Town Clerk's office during normal business hours.

For more information, contact:

Diana Schindler, Acting Town Administrator

John Waite, Planning Board Chair