

Granville Special Selectboard Public Hearing Minutes
June 17, 2025

APPROVED

In attendance:

Town: Kelli Eckroth, Chairperson and Kenneth Beattie, Selectboard and Cheryl L. Sargeant, Town Clerk

Public: Kyle Katz, Two Rivers Ottawaquechee Regional Commission (TRORC) (via WEBEX)

Public Hearing was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Kelli indicated that we were here to hear any public comments regarding the proposed Flood Hazard Area Regulations. She further indicated that at an earlier meeting the Selectboard indicated that they had no opposition to the DRAFT that Kyle presented at the April 14, 2025 Selectboard meeting. That the Selectboard understands that FEMA was working on new Flood Hazard Area Maps and we should see those in a few years.

Kyle indicated that they have been working on them since 2022 and they may go up into the smaller streams. He further explained that the Regulations were a basis for Flood Insurance and some mortgage companies require it if a property is in the flood plain. He further explained that in terms of insurance coverage, flood regulations don't really have much of a bearing on that. However, elevating a home several feet would likely lower insurance premiums if the property has flood insurance.

Kyle indicated that the new Regulations require that building in a flood plain will require the lowest level 1st floor (this can include a basement) to be 2 ft. above the base flood elevation. This would be determined by an engineer and/or surveyor.

Cheryl asked if the current LOMAs on file and approved Flood Plain Administrator approvals would be taken into account. Kyle indicated that they would not be affected by these new Regulations only the new development following adoption.

Kelli indicated that the Selectboard was supportive of moving the DRAFT along and will meet on Wednesday; June 18, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. to vote on the issue. Kyle indicated that the Regulations would take effect in 21 days after the vote.

Kelli moved to adjourn the public hearing at 6:20 p.m. and Ken seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl L. Sargeant
Granville Town Clerk