



# TOWN OF HINGHAM

## Community Planning Department

### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Select Board

**CC:** Tom Mayo, Town Administrator  
Art Robert, Assistant Town Administrator/Operations

**FROM:** Emily Wentworth, Community Planning Director

**DATE:** January 3, 2022

**RE:** Withdrawal of Floodplain Protection Overlay District Map References Zoning Amendment

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I write to confirm that the Planning Board voted unanimously during a public meeting held on December 13, 2021 to withdraw its proposed zoning amendment entitled "Update to the Floodplain Protection Overlay District Map References" from consideration at Annual Town Meeting 2022.

The Board initially sponsored the amendment based on indications that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) planned to finalize preliminary revisions to the Charles Watershed maps, which would affect certain map panels of the Plymouth County Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) that are wholly or partially in the Town of Hingham, in December 2021 or January 2022. The Town would have six months, following FEMA's notification, to adopt the revised maps and update the corresponding language in the Zoning By-Law to remain in compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program. Since submission of the proposed article, Loni Fournier, GIS Administrator, informed the Board that FEMA intends to postpone issuance of the revised FIRM until next year. As a result, the Board voted to withdraw the article.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.