

Marblehead Planning Board  
Minutes of Meeting  
April 10, 2012

Members present: Phil Helmes, Russell Beck, James Bishop, Kurt James and Karl Johnson. Others present Rebecca Curran town planner.

A quorum being present the meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm. in the second floor auditorium in Abbot Hall.

**Public Hearing zoning amendments 2012 Annual Town Meeting**

As required by Chapter 40A, section 5 of the Massachusetts General Laws regarding zoning, the Planning Board is holding this public hearing on all proposed amendments on the annual town meeting warrant.

**Article 33 Amend Zoning Bylaw**

This bylaw establishes a Floodplain District established as an overlay district to all other districts. It does not affect the underlying zoning. The location of development in a flood prone area is subject to, whether permitted by right or by special permit must be in compliance with Chapter 131, Section 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws and the Sections of the Massachusetts State Building Code (780 CMR) which address floodplain and coastal high hazard areas; Wetlands Protection Regulations. This does not change. The town is required to do this by July 3, 2012. The new FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps must be adopted by this date in order to remain a participating community within the National Flood Insurance Program. The purpose of the floodplain district is to protect public safety and to minimize damage caused by floods.

The Planning board discussed this amendment. Citizens Twig Burke and Mrs. Sides spoke in favor of the amendment. The Planning Board, as a result of these deliberations on the proposed amendment to the by-law, feels that the articles recommended by the board will serve the town well in the future.

A motion was made a seconded to recommend that this article be adopted by town meeting and the board shall submit a report with such recommendation regarding the proposed zoning by-law and map changes in accordance with the law. All in favor (4-0).

The meeting was adjourned

Respectfully submitted  
Rebecca Curran