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***Town Planner's Recommendation***  
**Wednesday, September 9, 2015**

XI. ***Public Hearing - Amendments to the Subdivision Regulations – Flood Hazards.***

Amendments stipulated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).  
Changes to Subsection 9.07 – Special Flood Hazard Areas.

- I recommend that the board hold the public hearing, close the public hearing, and then vote to adopt the regulations as follows.

This is the precise language provided to the Town by the New Hampshire Office of Energy and Planning. We are required to adopt this language to remain in the flood insurance program.

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- ❖ Replace the current subsection 9.07 in the Durham Subdivision Regulations in entirety with the following new subsection:

**9.07 Special Flood Hazard Areas:**

All subdivision proposals governed by these regulations having lands identified as Special Flood Hazard Areas in the "Flood Insurance Study for the County of Strafford, N.H.", together with the associated Flood Insurance Rate Maps shall meet the following requirements:

- A. Individual lots of a subdivision, including their utilities and drainage, shall be located and designed to be consistent with the need to minimize flood damage.
- B. All public utilities and facilities, such as sewer, electrical and water systems shall be located and constructed to minimize or eliminate flood damage.
- C. Adequate drainage shall be provided to reduce exposure to flood hazards.
- D. All subdivision proposals shall include base flood elevation data.
- E. All necessary permits have been received from those governmental agencies from which approval is required by Federal or State law, including Section 404 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972, 33 U.S.C. 1334.