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Subject: Re: Floodplain Zoning Amendment

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P.S. I now am busy on March 18 -- so sorry!

I think it's unlikely I'll add anything but will read and report by tomorrow.

Anne

On Mon, Mar 10, 2025 at 2:27 PM Massa, Lori <lmassa@cityofmelrose.org> wrote:

Thanks Anne and Brian responded that he didn't have any issues with the language. If we need to meet he would prefer a virtual meeting before March 24 or at 6:30pm before our regular meeting.

Beth and Greg do you have a preference? If you would like to meet virtually are you free on March 18 or 19?

Thanks,
Lori

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Sent: Friday, March 7, 2025 5:19 PM

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Hi everyone,

I realize it's late Friday but wanted to get this out there for next week. I will read this over and would be available for a virtual meeting to discuss prior to the March 24 full Board meeting. It sounds like it might not need much review by the subcommittee, but it might be nice to be able to review and report to the full Board, as the March 24 meeting is buys.

I'd prefer March 17, 18 or 19, and virtual would make it really convenient, but I would meet in person if that's easier.

The March 24 meeting date is not a realistic option for me as I'll be with my entire family out of state, but I'm happy to make any comments in writing before that if it's the group preference.

Using the state model and having the review by DCR makes me think I will have little to add, but I'll look it over.

Thanks,
Anne

On Tue, Mar 4, 2025 at 1:46 PM Massa, Lori <lmassa@cityofmelrose.org> wrote:

Hello Zoning Subcommittee,

There is another required zoning amendment coming up quickly. The amendment is to the floodplain overlay district.

We have been working with a representative at the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), Flood Hazard Management Program (FHMP) who has been providing information on the required local regulations. The FHMP is the State Coordinating Agency for the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The new Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) will become effective July 8, 2025. Communities participating in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) will be required to update their local regulations (usually zoning) to adopt the new maps and study by July 8, 2025. Every community in our watershed participates in the NFIP.

DCR provided a State Model Ordinance, which we used to draft the attached zoning amendment. Eric Carlson from DCR has reviewed the language and finds that it is acceptable.

We will plan to have this zoning amendment on the City Council's agenda on April 7 or 22 to then be able schedule a public hearing in May hopefully before budget season begins and to have an approval by the July 8 deadline. This means that we should initiate the zoning amendment at the Planning Board's March 24 meeting.

Please let me know your preference for reviewing this amendment:

1. schedule an in person or virtual meeting before March 24
2. schedule a short zoning subcommittee meeting at 6:30pm on March 24 before the full meeting (Anne we could get your comments and update you since we know you are not available or post for a hybrid meeting if you can meet virtually for this portion of the meeting)
3. discuss on March 24 with the full board to initiate the amendment

The draft amendment and model ordinance are attached.

Thanks,
Lori

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