

**SAMPLE RESOLUTION FOR
JOINING THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, certain areas of _____ are subject to periodic flooding from lakes, streams and rivers, causing serious damages to properties within these areas; and

WHEREAS, relief is available in the form of federally subsidized flood insurance as authorized by the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of this board to work with the community's Planning Board to develop legislation involving the recognition and evaluation of flood hazards in all official actions relating to land use in the special flood hazard areas; and

WHEREAS, this body and the Planning Board have the legal authority to present such legislation to the town's legislative body for consideration and approval at a regular or special town meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Town Meeting has the legal authority to adopt and amend land use control measures to reduce future flood losses pursuant to New Hampshire's RSA, Chapters 672 through 677.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen of _____ hereby:

1. Assures the Federal Insurance Administration that it will recommend enactment for those areas having flood hazards, as delineated by the Flood Insurance Rate Map issued by the NFIP dated _____, and any published revision to this map, adequate land use and control measures with effective enforcement provisions consistent with the criteria set forth in Section 60 of the NFIP regulations; and
2. Vests (the Chairman or other duly authorized municipal officer) with the responsibility, authority and means to:
 - (A) Assist the Administrator, at his request, in his delineation of the limits of the area having special flood hazards.
 - (B) Provide such information as the administrator may request concerning present uses and occupancy of the floodplain areas.
 - (C) Cooperate with federal, state and local agencies and private firms which undertake to study, survey, map, and identify floodplain areas and cooperate with neighboring municipalities with respect to management of adjoining floodplain areas in order to prevent aggravation of existing hazards.

(D) Submit a report to the Federal Insurance Administrator concerning the development and implementation of floodplain management regulations. This report should be submitted annually or biennially as determined by the administrator.

(E) Notify the Federal Insurance Administrator in writing whenever the boundaries of the community have been modified or the community has otherwise assumed or no longer has the authority to adopt and enforce floodplain management regulations for a particular area. Include with such notification a copy of a map of the community suitable for reproduction, clearly delineating the new corporate limits or area which the community has assumed or relinquished authority.

3. Appoints the Building Permit Officer (Board of Selectmen or Building Inspector) to maintain for public inspection and to furnish upon request, for the determination of applicable flood insurance risk premium rates within all special flood hazard areas identified on a Flood Hazard Boundary Map or Flood Insurance Rate Map, any certification of floodproofing, and information on the elevation of the lowest habitable floor (including basement if habitable) of all new or substantially improved structures, and include whether or not such structures contain a basement, and if the structure has been floodproofed, the elevation to which it was floodproofed.
4. Agrees to take such other official action as may be reasonably necessary and legally appropriate to carry out the objectives of the program.

Town of _____

Date Passed:

Certification: