

Special Meeting Minutes

**Branford Flood and Erosion Control Board**  
**Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at 6:30 P.M.**  
**Canoe Brook Senior Center, 11 Cherry Hill Road, Branford, CT**

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Board Members present: Paul Muniz  
Bruce Caldarone  
Dan Rabin

Also present: John Hoefflerle – Town Engineer

At the start of the meeting, a motion was made by Dan Rabin to designate Paul Muniz as chair for the meeting, second by Bruce Caldarone, motion approved unanimously.

The meeting was called to order by Paul Muniz at 7:00p.

The proposed Floodplain Ordinance was presented for discussion. The ordinance will incorporate new restrictions on development within the Coastal AE zone, as defined by FEMA. The revisions will bring the Floodplain Ordinance into step with the State Building Code adopted by the State October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. The revisions are as proposed and provided by the State NFIP coordinator to town staff.

The changes and definitions were discussed by the board. The question was asked if we do not adopt these changes, what are the consequences. Paul Muniz stated the town could lose their standing in the NFIP. John Hoefflerle added development in the Coastal AE zone will be restricted and enforced by the Building Department, this gives the Floodplain Administrator the same authority.

The board would like the proposed changes to the Ordinance be reviewed by the State NFIP coordinator to ensure it meets minimum standards before adoption.

Paul Muniz added there should be definitions on Branford panels for the Coastal High Hazard Areas, VE and Coastal AE.

The board would like to see a local print publication notifying the public of the changes.

The board has a favorable view of the Ordinance, and recommends it be brought to the RTM for consideration and adoption.

A motion was made to adjourn by Bruce Caldarone, second by Dan Rabin, motion approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:43p.

Respectfully submitted by John Hoefflerle, Town Engineer