

Interim Flood Hazard Area Bylaw

In response to the recent federally-declared disaster, the community is adopting this interim bylaw to expedite permitting for structures in the Special Flood Hazard Area that have been damaged.

To expedite repairs, the community allows for applications to be approved by the administrative officer without conditional use review for flood hazard area criteria where:

1. An existing structure in the Special Flood Hazard Area has been Substantially Damaged;
2. The application indicates that the structure's footprint will not increase and the structure will be anchored to a solid foundation such that the lowest floor will be at least one foot above the base flood elevation; and,
3. VT DEC's comments, provided to the community as required under 24 V.S.A. Chapter 117 §4424, support the proposed repairs.

Also, under this bylaw, the administrative officer may review applications and issue permits for repairs to non-substantially-damaged structures.

All proposed repairs will meet or exceed the requirements in the municipal bylaws, as well as federal requirements for the National Flood Insurance Program in 44 CFR Parts 59 and 60.

This interim bylaw is adopted in accordance with 10 V.S.A. Chapter 32, and 24 V.S.A. Chapter 117 §4415 and §4424. This bylaw amends the municipal bylaws, is effective upon adoption, and expires April 30, 2012.

After legal public warning, this interim bylaw was adopted by vote of the _____ Selectboard on:

Signed,