

# **Town of Fairfield Selectboard Minutes**

April 24, 2025

In Attendance: Tom Howrigan, Ron Bocash and Brian Dubie

Roads: Absent

Town Clerk: Absent

Town Administrator: Cathy Ainsworth

Secretary: Absent

Visitors: Emily Kloft, Luke Slomba

1. Emily Kloft and Luke Slomba, from NRPC, came to review the new proposed FEMA flood plain maps with the Selectboard and explained the proposed changes. Review of the changes showed that there are no new properties being added to the flood plain. In fact, 64 properties are being removed from flood plains.
2. The Selectboard needs to issue any feedback to FEMA prior to mid-May. There will be an opportunity for public comment prior to FEMA finalizing the maps, dates TBD. The Selectboard determined that they had no comments to issue.
3. New maps will be made official in 2026-27. FEMA will review each town's bylaws to ensure that we are following the flood plain hazard bylaws. This will ensure that residents are eligible to participate in the federal flood insurance program.
4. Emily said she does not expect the proposed maps to change unless there is strong public comment to the contrary.
5. Due to Federal cuts, there is no longer FEMA money available to update Fairfield's expiring Hazard Mitigation Plan. Because the plan is still a municipal requirement the Town will need to pay for this process without grant funds.

**Brian made a motion to adjourn. Ron seconded. All in favor.**

**These minutes exist in draft form until approved by the Selectboard.**