

**Hopkinton Planning Board**  
**Minutes**  
**January 26, 2010**

Chairman Bruce Ellsworth opened the Hopkinton Planning Board meeting of Tuesday, January 26, 2010, at 7:00 PM in the Hopkinton Town Hall. Members present: Michael Wilkey, Edwin Taylor, and Jane Bradstreet.

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**I. Public Hearing – Zoning Amendments.**

Chairman Ellsworth opened the public hearing for public comment on the following proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance:

1. Amend Section XV, 15.8.3 Variances by replacing the criteria required to demonstrate an “unnecessary hardship” with the new statutory definition RSA 674:33, I (b), effective January 1, 2010.
2. Amend Section XV, 15.8.3 Variances by omitting language with respect to decisions of the Board of Adjustment being based on evidence presented, rather than allegations contained in the application.
3. Amend Section XVII, Floodplain Development Ordinance by updating the effective date of the Flood Insurance Study and Flood Insurance Rate Maps so that all lands designated as special flood hazard areas by the Federal Emergency Management Agency in its “Flood Insurance Study for the County of Merrimack, NH” dated April 19, 2010, together with the associated Flood Insurance Rate Maps dated April 19, 2010, are declared to be part of the Hopkinton Floodplain Development Ordinance. This amendment is necessary in order for Hopkinton to remain enrolled in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

There was no public comment.

Mr. Wilkey, seconded by Mr. Taylor, moved to recommend the adoption of the amendments as proposed. With four members voting, all four voted in favor (Bradstreet, Wilkey, Taylor and Ellsworth). See attached copy of full-text of amendments.

**II. Adjournment.**

With no other business to come before the meeting, Chairman Ellsworth declared the meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM. The next regular scheduled meeting of the Planning Board is Tuesday, February 9, 2009, at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall.

Karen L. Robertson  
Planning Director