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DUXBURY PLANNING BOARD

David J. Madigan Chairperson, Board of Selectmen Town of Duxbury Town Hall 878 Tremont Street Duxbury, Massachusetts 02332 Community: Town of Duxbury,
Plymouth County,
Massachusetts

Community No.: 250263

Dear Mr. Madigan:

This letter will serve as formal notification that the proposed Flood Hazard Determinations presented in the Preliminary copies of the revised Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) dated April 18, 2018, and in our letter to you dated January 22, 2020, finalizing the proposed Flood Hazard Determinations, have been rescinded. The effect of this action is to cancel the July 22, 2020, effective date of the FIS and FIRM for the Town of Duxbury. As a result, the effective FIS report and FIRM, dated November 4, 2016, remain in effect.

As you may be aware, some communities in the Cape Cod Watershed study are experiencing difficulties during the adoption and compliance period resulting in the inability to adopt the July 22, 2020, FIS and FIRM and thereby comply with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) regulations. Although the July 22, 2020, final flood hazard determinations is hereby rescinded, all engineering data and flood hazard information upon which the determination was made currently remains valid, and remains as it appears on the preliminary FIRM.

The Preliminary FIS report and FIRM for Plymouth County, Massachusetts (All Jurisdictions), dated April 18, 2018, constitute available data under 44 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 60.3(b)(4). Guidance on the use of FEMA draft or preliminary FIS data as "available data" for regulating floodplain development is available in FEMA Floodplain Management Bulletin 1-98 available from FEMA's website at www.fema.gov.

Communities that have adopted ordinances to reflect the FIS report and FIRM dated July 22, 2020, should revise their ordinances to revert to the previously adopted FIS Report and FIRM dated November 4, 2016.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will continue to work with the communities in the Cape Cod Watershed study to determine when the new final determination will be made. Once that is established, a new Letter of Final Determination will be issued, and communities will have another 6-month adoption and compliance period.

This action is being undertaken to ensure that all communities are afforded the opportunity to adopt the modified flood hazard determinations and comply with the NFIP. We regret any inconvenience this action may have caused you or your community and look forward to continued cooperation with your

community. If you have any questions about the FIS report and FIRM, or require assistance in revising ordinances for your community, please contact Kerry Bogdan at our Regional Office by telephone at (617) 956-7576.

Sincerely,

David I. Maurstad

Deputy Associate Administrator

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