

October 15, 2013

Paul Ford, Acting Regional Administrator
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Region I
99 High Street, Sixth Floor
Boston, MA 02110

**RE: Appeal of Base Flood Elevation Determination for Portion of
Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management
Agency's ("FEMA") Revised Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map
for Marshfield, Plymouth County, MA**
Community Name: Town of Marshfield
Community No.: 250273

Dear Mr. Ford:

On behalf of the Town of Marshfield, the Town of Marshfield Board of Selectmen and its residents (collectively "Marshfield") and pursuant to the applicable regulations of the NFIP and the Guidance Document entitled "Appeals, Revisions, and Amendments to National Flood Insurance Program Maps: A Guide for Community Officials" dated December 2009 and published on January 13, 2010, I am hereby providing the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) our appeal of the proposed Updated Preliminary FIRMs and FIS for Plymouth County and the proposed Base Flood Elevations determined therein specifically as it relates to Town of Marshfield.

Pursuant to FEMA regulations, I have been appointed by the Marshfield Board of Selectmen, to submit appeals of the Updated Preliminary FIRM on behalf of the Town of Marshfield and find that the scientific and technical evidence presented is sufficient to justify an appeal in accordance with 44 C.F.R. § 67.6. Because the scientific and technical evidence clearly supports Marshfield's position, the Town requests a reduction in the Base Flood Elevations near Wave Transects PL-64 and PL-66 of approximately 2 feet.

Attached hereto is a narrative report and attachments prepared by Ransom Consulting, Inc., which clearly identifies the basis for the Town of Marshfield's appeal, including the legal basis, provides the correct measurements and data certified by the required professionals requiring a new FIS and FIRMs and/or

FEMA to perform required calculations and make the necessary changes to the FIS and FIRMs.

FEMA is also advised that the Town of Marshfield will be submitting independent appeal under separate cover supported by The Woods Hole Group, Inc. that there were indisputable errors in the BFEs and also appeals by certain of its residents which have organized under the name the Marshfield Coastal Coalition.

If you have questions regarding this appeal, please contact Robert G. Gerber, P.E. at Ransom Consulting, Inc. at 207-772-2891 ext. 12 or you may contact me at the Town of Marshfield at (781) 834-5563.

Very truly yours,

Rocco Longo, Town Administrator
on behalf of the Town of Marshfield

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Attachments: Ransom Appeal including CD with digital files