



TOWN OF WAITSFIELD

To: Landowner in the Flood Hazard Area Overlay District
From: Susan E. Senning, Planning and Zoning Administrator
Re: Permits to rebuild in the floodplain
Date: September 7, 2011

Dear Landowner,

If you sustained damage caused by the Tropical Storm Irene in August, please contact me at the Town Office before rebuilding to ensure you are in compliance with local and federal permit requirements. In order to stay compliant with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), which allows residents access to flood insurance, we must issue and track permits for development in mapped floodplains. We are working to expedite the permitting process.

Please contact me at the Town Office before rebuilding in order to avoid permitting issues later in the process. Enclosed, please find a handout from FEMA and Vermont's Agency of Natural Resources which charts the permit process. I am terribly sorry for your loss and will do all that I can to help you navigate this complex process and to provide information specific to your case.

If you have not yet done so, I encourage you to call "211" to report damage and losses to the state and to obtain FEMA recovery information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan E. Senning".

Susan E. Senning
Planning and Zoning Administrator, Waitsfield
pza@madriver.com

Cc: Town Administrator
Enc: "Before You Begin Repairs" Handout



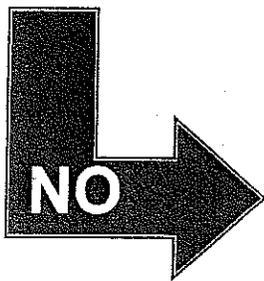
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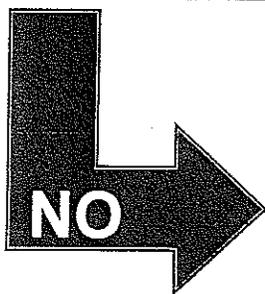
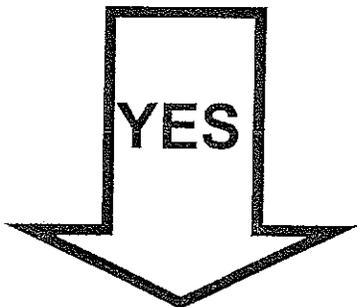
Because each community adopts their own flood hazard area regulations, you should **ALWAYS** ask your Local Zoning/Flood Hazard Area Administrator these questions **BEFORE** beginning any repairs to your property.

1 Is your structure located in the "Designated Floodplain?"



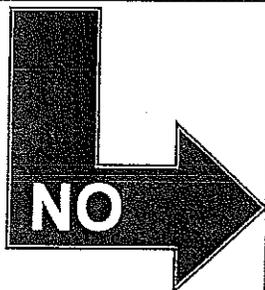
See your Local Zoning Administrator to obtain the necessary permits in order to repair your structure.

2 Did your property suffer "Substantial Damage" as determined by your local officials?



See your local Zoning Administrator to obtain the necessary permits in order to repair your structure.

3 Does your structure meet the current building and flood hazard area regulations for your community?



Contact your local Zoning Administrator or visit a Disaster Recovery Center (during a disaster) to answer Mitigation questions before you rebuild.

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Important Notice
FEMA is not a permitting Agency and does not give permission to rebuild or repair by your receipt of a Disaster Grant, Loan, or Flood Insurance Claim.