6. In Section C (Floodplain District boundaries and base flood elevation and floodway data), (2) (Floodway data), delete "A1-30" and replace with "AE."

7. In Section D (Notification of watercourse alteration), Change the contact information as follows:

    a. Under 2, delete "Water Resources" and replace with Conservation and Recreation."
    b. Under 3, delete the name and address and replace with:

        NFIP Program Specialist
        Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region I
        99 High Street, 6th Floor
        Boston, MA 02110

8. In Section E (Use Regulation), 1a, delete the language in parenthesis and replace with "(currently 780 CMR 120.G, "Flood Resistant Construction and Construction in Coastal Dunes")"

9. In Section G (Use limitations), delete "V1-30" and replace with "VE" in (1) and (2).

or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Two-thirds Vote Required) (Planning Board)

SUMMARY

Following a recent update of the Flood Insurance Rate Maps, the town is required to update its Floodplain District by-law to reflect changes in terminology and updates in map information. These changes do not impact the scope or intent of the by-laws. The changes to the Flood Insurance Rate Maps go into effect on June 16, 2011. To see if the status of your property has changed, copies of the revised flood maps will be available at the Building Department.

BOS: Recommendation deferred until Town Meeting.
FCR: Recommendation deferred until Town Meeting.

RESOLUTION

ARTICLE NO. 35: We the undersigned, registered voters of Brewster, MA, request that the town vote on a non-binding resolution. To whit:

We, the voters of the Brewster Town Meeting, affirm our belief that the first Amendment to the United States Constitution was designed to protect the free speech rights of people, not corporations.

We believe that the United States Supreme Court's ruling in Citizens United v. FEC, which overturned longstanding precedents prohibiting corporations from spending their general treasury funds in public elections, is a serious and direct threat to our democracy and the conduct of free and fair elections, and permits corporations to drown out the voices of ordinary persons.

The people of the United States have previously used the constitutional amendment process to correct decisions of the United States Supreme Court that invade or invalidate democratic institutions, including elections.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the voters of the Brewster Town Meeting, call upon the United States Congress to pass and send to the states for ratification a constitutional amendment to restore the first amendment and fair elections to the people, and further, we call upon the Massachusetts General
Court to pass one or more resolutions asking for those actions.

A copy of this resolution shall be sent to the State and Federal Representatives and Senators serving Brewster and to the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the President of the United States.

or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Majority Vote Required) (Citizen Petition)

SUMMARY

On Jan 21, 2010 the Supreme Court's Citizens United decision held that corporations and unions can spend unlimited amounts of money advocating the election or defeat of candidates for office. This decision allows huge multinational corporations (including foreign-based corporations) to spend hundreds of millions of dollars to influence United States' elections, dwarfing the resources of unions, individuals and public-interest groups, and potentially allowing corporations to cause the election of candidates who will serve them, not people.

The Supreme Court was wrong to allow corporations, created and run to make profits, to drown out the voices of human beings in political campaigns. In a democracy, the people rule, and the only way to overrule this decision is by amending the United States Constitution.

This non-binding resolution asks that Congress pass and send to the states for ratification a Constitutional Amendment allowing Congress the right to revoke corporations'

right to spend unlimited funds to influence elections, and supports Massachusetts legislative efforts to bring that about. It would not affect the free-speech rights of human beings, including corporate officials, to advocate and spend money for their political goals.
BOS: 5-YES; 0-NO; 0-ABSTAINED FCR: 4-YES; 4-NO; 1-ABSTAINED

RESCIND AUTHORIZATION FOR LAND USE / Renewable Energy

ARTICLE NO. 36: To see if the Town of Brewster will rescind the vote of Article #13 of the 10/19/09 Special Town Meeting, effectively restoring land shown on Brewster Assessor's Map 46 as Lots 12-1, 12-2 and 12-3 (also known as the "Barrows property") for the purpose of public water supply, watershed protection, passive recreation and for other public purposes pursuant to General Laws chapter 40, section 39B, and preventing the installation of industrial wind turbines, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Majority Vote Required) (Citizens Petition)

SUMMARY

At the Special Town Meeting of 10/19/10, Article #13, which was approved by the voters, removed the three parcels (commonly referred to as the Barrows property) that had been "Taken by town via an Order of Taking by Eminent Domain on January 5, 1998 for the purpose of public water supply, watershed protection, passive recreation and for other public purposes…" (Wording taken from the 10/19/10 Town Warrant), and re-designated the land for "the development of renewable energy projects." Since that town meeting, the Selectmen have indicated that there will be a proposal for two more industrial wind towers. (See above article for specific concerns.) This article would return the designated parcels to the original purpose.
BOS: Recommendation deferred until Town Meeting.
FCR: Voted 9-YES; 0-NO; 0-ABSTAINED to recommend that consideration of this item be indefinitely postponed.

RENEWABLE ENERGY CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION

ARTICLE NO. 37: To see if the Town of Brewster will authorize its Board of Selectmen to enter into long-term contracts not to exceed a term of twenty-five years on behalf of the Town with private entities or governmental organizations related to renewable energy projects developed, sponsored or administered by the Cape & Vineyard Electric Cooperative, Inc, which contracts may include, but not be limited to: power purchase agreements, renewable energy certificate contracts, renewable energy project development agreements, and leases of land or buildings related to the development of renewable energy; or take any other action relative thereto. Proposal for wind turbines will not site any Medium-Scale Wind Energy Turbine or Large-Scale Wind Energy Turbine within 1.2 miles of the nearest residence. Any proposed project will pose no threat to Zone I or Zone II watershed areas.