

Howard Widensky

From: Grace Grant <shandakenassessor@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2026 10:56 AM
To: assessor@shandaken.gov; Howard Widensky
Cc: Barbara Mansfield
Subject: Re: [EXT] Re: Question Regarding Compliance with Town Code 77-11

Good Morning,

The section of code to which you refer is located in Section 77 - Flood Damage Prevention.

I do not enforce Section 77 of the Town of Shandaken Code. As the Zoning Enforcement Officer, my responsibilities are limited to the enforcement of Section 116, the Zoning Code.

Providing an opinion regarding a chapter of Town Code that I am not responsible for administering or enforcing would be inappropriate.

It is my understanding that enforcement of Chapter 77 is the responsibility of the Town Board. I would recommend referring this matter to the Town Board for their review.

Thank you,

Grace Grant

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On Sunday, August 9, 2026 at 12:26:40 PM EDT, Howard Widensky <howard@wid.com> wrote:

Grace Grant as Zoning Officer

Friday's email was directed to you, not to Supervisor Mansfield.

As Zoning Officer, you are the one responsible for upholding the code, and you are the one who could ultimately be held accountable on this issue — I'd like your direct response.

For the record:

- Shandaken's town supervisors since 2010 have been: Stanley (2010–2021), DiSclafani (2022–2025), and Mansfield (2026–present).
- The timeframe Supervisor Mansfield cited in her reply falls entirely within Stanley's tenure (2010–2021). If that's accurate, the appointment error originated with Stanley and the town board at that time — not with any subsequent administration.
- DiSclafani appears to have corrected this discrepancy during his term.

My questions:

1. Was Stanley a Certified Floodplain Manager at the time he was appointed to that position, as Supervisor Mansfield's reply asserts?
2. On what basis does Mansfield's response justify the current town board disregarding the code a second time?

I'd appreciate a direct answer from you on both points.

Thank you,
Howard Widensky

From: Barbara Mansfield <supervisor@shandaken.gov>
Sent: Sunday, August 9, 2026 10:04 AM
To: Howard Widensky <howard@wid.com>
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Subject: [EXT] Re: Question Regarding Compliance with Town Code 77-11
Importance: High

Mr. Widensky,

Records show a flood plain administrator was separately appointed from the Code Enforcement Officer at least as early as 2018.

Any legal guidance received by the town on this question would have predated that and been interpreted by the officers of the town at that time.

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On Aug 8, 2026, at 8:34 PM, Howard Widensky <howard@wid.com> wrote:

Grace as Zoning Officer

The Town Code clearly states:

“The Town of Shandaken Code Enforcement Officer is hereby appointed local administrator to administer and implement this chapter by granting or denying floodplain development permits in accordance with its provisions.”

Given this language, I am trying to understand how someone other than the Code Enforcement Officer was permitted to assume these responsibilities.

You have always been very particular about following the requirements of the Town Code, so I would appreciate an explanation as to how this appointment was authorized and what provision of the Code permits someone other than the designated Code Enforcement Officer to perform these duties.

Thank you for clarifying this for me.

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Howard Widensky

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