

# Westford Planning & Zoning History: Town Plan & Land Use/Development Regulations

February 22, 2016

Melissa Manka, Planning Coordinator

## Town Plan

May 2015

May 2010

July 2009 (updated Maps 5 & 8/expanded WRO)

October 2004

May 1999

\*\*revisions proposed in 1997, but apparently not adopted

Dec. 1992 (minor correction)

Nov. 1992 (minor correction)

Sept. 1992

Sept. 1989

July 1987

Aug. 1982?? - received by Selectboard; not sure if approved

Sept. 1979 (minor correction)

July 1979

July 1971 – 1<sup>st</sup> Plan?

\*\* 1971 file talks about amendments, which implies an existing/earlier plan.

## Zoning Regulations

November 2013 (interim – amended flood hazard bylaw)  
August 2011 (interim – amended flood hazard bylaw)  
February 2011 (revised steep slope)  
October 2009 (fixed loophole in PUD language)  
July 2009 (major revisions)<sup>8</sup>  
Jan. 2006 (Ch 117 changes)  
March 2003  
March 2002  
March 1999  
March 1996<sup>7</sup>  
March 1995<sup>6</sup>  
July 1992 (interim osgood hill road provision extended 1 year)  
March 1991  
Dec. 1990 (minor amendment)  
July 1990 (interim osgood hill road provision - 2yrs)<sup>4</sup>  
March 1989<sup>5</sup>  
July 1987<sup>3</sup>  
March 1985  
Nov. 1982<sup>2</sup>  
Aug. 1974  
Nov. 1972  
1967 (Protective Zoning Ordinance)<sup>1</sup>

## Subdivision Regulations

February 2011 (revised steep slope & waiver lang)  
July 2009 (major revisions)<sup>9</sup>  
Jan 2006 – Ch 117 changes  
March 2003  
March 2002  
March 1999  
March 1996  
March 1995  
July 1987  
Nov. 1982  
Aug. 1974  
Nov. 1972

## Notes:

<sup>9</sup> Driveway standards & emergency water requirements implemented.  
<sup>8</sup> Three town center districts created.  
<sup>7</sup> Current districts solidified.  
<sup>6</sup> Major district changes: RR district shrunk in Kings Hill and Plains Rd areas; Wetland & Open Space/Shoreland districts replaced by Water Resources Overlay district, Forestry district eliminated.  
<sup>5</sup> Reduced Wetland district on Route 128 & Osgood Hill Road. New district boundary language done wrong. Inadvertently left out a portion along Osgood Hill Rd.  
<sup>4</sup> Interim Zoning to clarify a zoning district for portion along Osgood Hill Rd  
<sup>3</sup> Created 5-acre zoning along paved roads  
<sup>2</sup> Major district changes: Forestry district created (10/30 acre zoning), etc...  
<sup>1</sup> Frena Phillips feels this was never voted on by residents, even though it was warned; she doesn't think it was adopted properly/legally; she thinks zoning began with 1972 regulations.

**Continued...**

## Land Use & Development Regulations

February 2016 (complete rewrite)<sup>10</sup>

## Notes: (continued)

<sup>10</sup> Form based code in Town Center Area, two district Town Center Area, context sensitive design in R5 & LID stormwater, performance standards, housing diversity, subdivision by right, economic development/expanded uses & permitted uses, agribusiness & adaptive reuse implemented. PUD language and density bonus language revised. FHO readopted with slight revisions.