

Planning Commission Reporting Form for Municipal Bylaw Amendments

This report is in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §4441(c) which states:

“When considering an amendment to a bylaw, the planning commission shall prepare and approve a written report on the proposal. A single report may be prepared so as to satisfy the requirements of this subsection concerning bylaw amendments and subsection 4384(c) of this title concerning plan amendments..... The report shall provide(:

(A) brief explanation of the proposed bylaw, amendment, or repeal and shall include a statement of purpose as required for notice under §4444 of this title,

The purpose of the amendments to the Westford Land Use & Development Regulations is to add “internally illuminated signs” to Section 326.D – Exempt Signs.

(A)nd shall include findings regarding how the proposal:

- 1. Conforms with or furthers the goals and policies contained in the municipal plan, including the effect of the proposal on the availability of safe and affordable housing:*

The proposed amendments conform with and further the goals and policies of the municipal plan. Specifically, the proposal reduces signage restrictions for commercial properties; thereby supporting the development of small-scale business to increase local employment options and opportunities.

- 2. Is compatible with the proposed future land uses and densities of the municipal plan:*

The proposed amendments are compatible with the Town’s proposed future land uses and densities. The proposal does not impact densities outlined in the municipal plan. The proposal supports growth of commercial development. These uses are compatible with the municipal plan as they will spur economic development utilizing local resources and improve the ability of small-scale business in town.

- 3. Carries out, as applicable, any specific proposals for any planned community facilities.”
The proposal*

The proposed amendments will not affect any planned community facilities. No community facilities are planned as of this time.