

Reading Bi-Weekly Update

March 20, 2014



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Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC): Marsie West, Chair; David Traniello, Vice Chair; Eric Bergstrom; Erin Calvo-Bacci; Jeff Hansen; George Katsoufis; David Tuttle.

Project Goals: To simplify, modernize, and make zoning user friendly as well as to improve and clarify the permitting process.

Timeline: A new draft zoning bylaw by July 15, 2014 – to be voted on at Subsequent Town Meeting on November 10, 2014. Zoning requires an affirmative vote of 2/3 of Town Meeting.

Project Team: The ZAC, staff, and zoning consultant, Vanasse Hangen Brustlin (VHB), and Edith Nutter Esquire. Here is a snapshot of zoning being looked at:

- ✓ Incorporating recommendations from recent Town planning efforts into zoning;
- ✓ Parking;
- ✓ Signs;
- ✓ Reviewing the current zoning districts and updating them as needed;
- ✓ Site plan review;
- ✓ Aquifer Protection District (including how it is applied);
- ✓ Accessory Apartments (in-law apartments);
- ✓ Medical Marijuana Dispensaries (a moratorium is in place and will expire 11/10/14).

The Public Outreach Plan, designed to encourage public input, includes:

- ✓ **Stakeholder Interviews** - including a Stakeholder Breakfast held on March 10, 2014 with business owners and others who use the zoning bylaw;
- ✓ **A Project Website** - with public meeting minutes, recommended changes, and more;
- ✓ **The ZAC** has held 14 public meetings to date.
- ✓ **Public Forums** - community forums were held on November 20, 2013 and March 3, 2014. Public forums are scheduled for May 12th and June 18th. A public hearing will be scheduled in September before Subsequent Town Meeting on November 10, 2014.
- ✓ **ZAC Public Meetings** are scheduled for April 2, 16, 23; May 21, June 2; July 7, 15; August 4, October 14.

For more information visit www.vhb.com/readingzoning and also please fill out the online questionnaire about the zoning bylaw.

Make your concerns and suggestions known to the Zoning Advisory Committee and participate!



Questions: If you have any questions about all the activity going on around town... just ask and we will find you the answer!

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