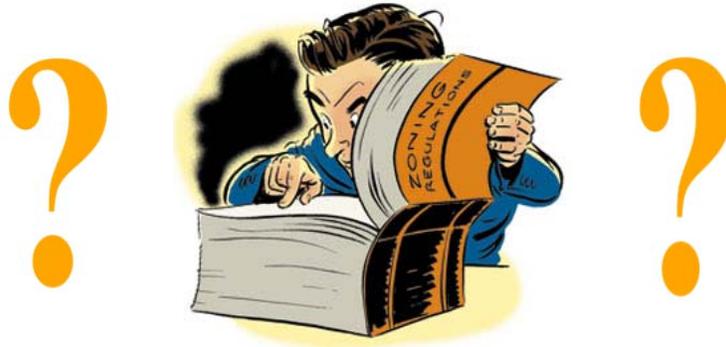


Reading Bi-Weekly Update

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Think the Zoning Bylaws are too Complicated?

So do we... and that's why the Zoning Advisory Committee was formed! The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) is hard at work updating the Zoning Bylaw. Since last September, the ZAC has had 24 regular public meetings to discuss the proposed revisions to the zoning bylaw.

With the assistance of a consultant, the ZAC will propose to Town Meeting a bylaw that has been *simplified, clarified and modernized!*

The zoning update project has been developed around an extensive public outreach effort. Public input from all factions of the community has helped the ZAC identify needed changes and new approaches to zoning.

There have been 4 public forums where local residents, business owners, and property owners have been engaged. Several boards, commissions, and committees have provided input to the ZAC including the Board of Selectmen, the Community Planning and Development Commission, the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Reading Commission Against Substance Abuse, and others.

In addition to the 24 public ZAC meetings, 4 public forums, regular updates through the Bi-Weekly Update, the project website (www.vhb.com/readingzoning), and press releases published in the local papers, there have been 6 additional meetings with the business community and local clubs like the Lions, Rotary, and Chamber of Commerce as well as a stakeholder breakfast meeting.

And there is still time to get involved and let your voice be heard before the new draft zoning bylaw is presented to the Board of Selectmen in July (then at CPDC and finally Town Meeting)! The full calendar of meetings can be found at the created project website (www.vhb.com/readingzoning) that contains information on the project status, schedule, meeting minutes, and videos of the public forums that have been recorded by RCTV. In addition, as the bylaw is updated, draft versions are posted!



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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