

Zoning Advisory Committee

Public Forum – Flip Chart Notes

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ACCESSORY APARTMENTS

1. Accessory Apts. – in an addition
 - Dimensional issues – garages
2. Aquifer Protection (AQ) District – be consistent with area communities (e.g. Wilmington, N. Reading, Lynnfield)
3. AQ District – state regulations to allow permeable pavement, pavers, etc. – not via building permit
 - Stormwater regulations – Tewksbury model
4. Aesthetics of accessory apartments – not detract from neighborhoods
 - Integrity of residential neighborhood
5. Family accessory living area – rental to nonfamily?
 - In-law, nanny, caregivers
6. Accessory apartments consider % cap – currently max at 10%
 - Cap – impact (drives demand)
 - Owner occupied – accessory apartments require
 - Town of Bedford – tied to size of house – percentage based

SIGNS

1. Electronic signs?
2. Animated signs – barber pole
3. Remove “beacons” - ? search lights (outdated)
4. Newer technology banning electronic signs
 - Think about what small business needs
 - Unintended consequences of technology/signs both positive and negative
5. Signage at MBTA

SOLAR PANELS/FARMS

- New provisions will address renewable energy

MEDICAL MARIJUANA

- Location other than industrial zone, design for windows, visibility, “eyes of community”
- Allow near public transportation
- Make it visible – not tucked in a corner
- Put it on Main Street – Bus. B
- ? Retail/? Clinic – what is the use?
- Will be clear in the use table?
- Keep it away from schools/buffer, childcare facilities, playgrounds
- Distinction between cultivation/ retail
- Limit the size of the dispensary – limit activity
- Smaller with other retailers
- Consider “cash business” – as a target