

ARTICLE **XXX**: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws by amending Section 1 – Purpose.
Bold represents language to be inserted and cross-out language is to be deleted.

1.0 PURPOSE

This Bylaw has been adopted to govern uses of land; the size, height, bulk, location and use of structures, buildings and signs; and for all of the other purposes set forth in, but not limited by, Section 2A of Chapter 808 of the Acts of 1975:

~~1.1 The purposes of this Zoning Bylaw include, but are not limited to, the following:~~

- a** To promote the health, safety and general welfare of the inhabitants of the Town of Reading;
- b** To lessen congestion in the streets;
- c** To conserve health;
- d** To secure safety from fire, flood panic, congestion and other dangers;
- e** To provide adequate light and air;
- f** To prevent over-crowding of land;
- g** To avoid undue concentration of population;
- h** To encourage housing for persons of all income levels;
- i** To facilitate the adequate provisions of transportation, water, water supply, drainage, sewerage, schools, parks, open space and other public requirements;
- j** To conserve the value of land and buildings, including the conservation of natural resources and the prevention of blight and pollution of the environment;
- k** To encourage the most appropriate use of land throughout the Town of Reading, including consideration of the recommendations of comprehensive plans adopted by Town Meeting; and
- l** To preserve natural conditions and historic sites and to enhance beauty and amenities.