



Town of Reading

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COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

MEMORANDUM

To: Downtown property owners and abutters within 1,000 feet of downtown
CC: Town of Reading Boards, Committees and Commissions
From: Jeff Hansen, Chair, Community Planning & Development Commission
Date: March 29, 2016
Re: April 11th Downtown Zoning Workshop

I am writing on behalf of the CPDC to invite you to a **Downtown Zoning Workshop on April 11th from 6:30-9:30 PM in the Great Room at the Pleasant Street Senior Center.** The goal of the workshop is to get input into the rezoning work that the CPDC has been engaged in.

Community input is essential to understanding future visions for the downtown area and transitional neighborhoods near the downtown. Specifically we want to understand:

- The needs of residents and other stakeholders
- How best to align zoning to land use goals including economic development
- How rezoning or zoning overlays can be drafted with the broadest support possible

To assist us with ordering food for the Workshop, please RSVP by April 7th to Julie Mercier, Community Development Director: jmercier@ci.reading.ma.us / 781-942-6648

The Workshop will explore different zoning options for the following 5 areas*:

1. The south side of Woburn Street from High Street to Sanborn Street;
2. The Business B Green Street neighborhood south of the Downtown Smart Growth District;
3. The Business B Main Street corridor from Haven Street to the railroad tracks.
4. The A-40 residential neighborhood east of Main Street; and
5. The S-15 residential neighborhood along Lincoln Street across from Reading Depot.

*See map on the back of this sheet

The format of the Workshop will include the following:

- 6:30-7:30 PM: Pizza, poster boards, and familiarization with options
- 7:30-9:30 PM: Presentations of options, discussion and polling

Preparation in advance of the Workshop is encouraged via:

- Town of Reading Zoning Bylaw
(http://www.readingma.gov/sites/readingma/files/file/file/2015-11_zoning_bylaw.pdf)
 - Section 5: Use Regulations per Zoning District
 - Section 6: Dimensional Regulations per Zoning District
 - Section 10.5: Downtown Smart Growth District (DSGD)
- Economic Development Action Plan
(http://www.readingma.gov/sites/readingma/files/u281/readingedactionplannarrativeappendicesmerged_2016-2022.pdf)
- Additional information will be posted online:
(<http://www.readingma.gov/community-planning-and-development-commission>)

