



Memorandum

Planning Board

TO: Mayor Randy Casale and City Council Members

FROM: Etha Grogan
for Planning Board Chairman Sheers and Planning Board Members

RE: Review of Proposed Comprehensive Plan Updates and Local Law

DATE: February 17, 2017

At the February 15, 2017 Planning Board meeting, members reviewed and discussed the proposed updates the Comprehensive Plan and the draft Local Law Enacting Zoning Revisions to Implement Recommendations of the Comprehensive Plan, as requested. A comprehensive review and lengthy discussion with the City Attorney and City Planner took place.

After discussion of the contents of the proposed Comprehensive Plan update, Mr. Lambert made a motion to support the changes proposed in the Comprehensive Plan with a request to (1) focus on the needs of Beacon residents (i.e. encouraging uses such as supermarkets, hardware stores, pharmacies, etc.) without as much emphasis on tourism and the arts, and (2) include a recommendation that the architectural review standards set forth in the City Code should be updated and revised to provide more specificity, seconded by Mr. Burke. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Next, City Attorney Jennifer Gray outlined the proposed Local Law Enacting Zoning Revisions to Implement Recommendations of the Comprehensive Plan. After considering Mr. Clarke's suggestion to reduce the size of parking spaces and aisles in the Linkage District from 9'x'20' to 9'x18' and from 25 feet to 24 feet, respectively, Mr. Barrack made a motion to recommend the City Council make the change as discussed, seconded by Ms. Reynolds. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Lambert made a motion in support of the Local Law, seconded by Mr. Barrack. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact me.