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Memorandum

Date: May 9, 2019
To: Melissa Tryon, Nathan Poore, Ethan Croce
From: Dawn Emerson, Land Use Planner
Re: MRA Public Hearing, RA Change Recommendations

At its May 7, 2019 meeting the Planning Board, acting as the Town's designated Municipal Reviewing Authority, held a noticed public hearing on proposed amendments to the Zoning and Site Plan Review Ordinance. The conclusion of the hearing is provided below:

Amendments to Sections 19-8, 19-64.2, and 19-82 of the Code of Ordinances relative to regulations for residential development in the RA District. These amendments would be retroactively applicable to May 3, 2019.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Scott Walker, 8 Stone ridge Road, wants full rollback.

John Winslow clarified certain matters around comp plans and statutes. Discussed differences between the comp plan and the zoning changes.

Valentine Sheldon, Route 88, talked about the comp plan and the questionable processes used to arrive at this point.

Lee Hanchett, Stone Ridge Road, is concerned that there was very little presented tonight on option 1 and option 2. He is not convinced that the Planning Board understands the amendments. Wants to roll back everything to pre-2016.

George Theborge, Middle Road, clarified items from others who referenced not having to implement the comprehensive plan as it pertains to State law.

Bill McKenney, Carmichael Avenue, is disappointed with the Board's vote on Item 8 and felt the Board didn't understand the differences between the two items. Cautioned the Board on former Town Planners and legal compliance concerns and encouraged the Board to support a full rollback to pre-2016.

Lisa Joy, Middle Road, was disappointed with the Board vote on Item 8 and concerned that the Board quoted the former Town Planner. She feels the Board failed to hear the public testimony. Wondered where all of the people were who support the status quo.

At the conclusion of public input and board deliberation the Planning Board voted 5-0 in favor of the amendments.