

Melissa Tryon

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Sent: Monday, July 21, 2014 10:21 AM
To: Nathan Poore; Amanda Stearns; Melissa Tryon
Subject: MRA Public hearing - July 1, 2014 Planning Board meeting - Utility infrastructure amendment

At its July 1, 2014 meeting, the Planning Board, acting as the Town's designated Municipal Reviewing Authority, held a public hearing on proposed amendments to the Zoning and Site Plan Review Ordinance relative to allowing greater flexibility for the siting and replacement of utility infrastructure.

Summary of public comment received:

There was no public comment received at the public hearing.

Summary of Planning Board deliberations:

Chris Hickey suggested that it may be appropriate to set a cap on the maximum size/scale of utility that can be approved by the CEO and to have the largest scale projects still be required to go before the Planning Board for review and approval. He suggested that further research be done to consider what an appropriate cap might be. (Thresholds might be related to maximum pipe size or voltage for example.)

Motion by Chris Hickey, seconded by Tom McKeon, to recommend that the Council approve the amendment with the condition that research is done to determine an appropriate threshold for utility projects that can be reviewed by the CEO with larger projects having to go before the Planning Board for review.

The motion carried 5-0.

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