

TOWN OF WHITMAN
PLANNING BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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The Planning Board of the Town of Whitman will hold a public hearing to discuss proposed amendments to the Town's Protective Zoning Bylaw as follows:

Place: Town Hall Auditorium, 54 South Ave., Whitman
Date: Wednesday, April 6, 2022
Time: 6:00 PM

The subject matter of the proposed amendments is summarized below. The complete text and maps relative to the proposed amendments are available for inspection during regular business hours at the Town Clerk's Office, 54 South Ave., Whitman, MA 02382.

1. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's General Bylaws by striking Chapter 173, Article II, Marijuana Establishments, and the Town's Protective Zoning Bylaw by striking Chapter 240, Section 240-5.5. Marijuana establishments prohibited, in their entirety and inserting in the Town's Protective Zoning Bylaw a new Chapter 240, Article XV, MARIJUANA BUSINESSES, to read as follows, or take any action relative thereto:

Summary: This amendment proposed by the Bylaw Study Committee would rescind the Town's ban on recreational marijuana establishments as set forth in its general and zoning bylaws and adopt a new zoning bylaw provision allowing for and governing both recreational and medical marijuana businesses within the Town, including without limitation: designated zoning; cap on the number of marijuana businesses; requirements relative to permanent locations, outside storage, hours, signage, visibility, paraphernalia, emissions, contacts, and violation enforcement; prohibition of on-site consumption; site plan review and host community agreement requirements for all businesses; special permit requirements for certain businesses; requirements relative to end of use of the business; and the applicability of other laws.

2. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's Guidelines for Accessory Apartments by striking section 6-6 Guidelines for Accessory Apartment within a Single Family Dwelling in its entirety and inserting in place thereof a new section 6-6 Guidelines for Accessory Apartment, to read as follows, or take any action relative thereto:

Summary: This amendment proposed by Citizen's Petition would amend the Protective Zoning Bylaw by rescinding the existing section on "accessory apartments within single-family dwellings"—recodified at §240-6.6—and inserting a new section governing accessory apartments. The new section would largely restate the language of the rescinded existing section except the definition of the provision would be expanded to also allow for accessory apartments: as subsidiary dwellings as an extension to a single family dwelling or above a structure accessory thereto; with a maximum of one per lot; and with additional stairways to the rear and side of an accessory structure. A second version of this proposal with corrected cross-references has also been submitted by the lead petitioner as noted

below, but this first version has not been withdrawn by all petitioners as of the date of this notice.

3. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's Protective Zoning By-Law by striking Chapter 240, Section 240-6.6, Accessory apartments within single-family dwellings, in its entirety and inserting in the Town's Protective Zoning By-Law a new Chapter 240, Section 240-6.6, Accessory apartments, to read as follows, or take any action relative thereto:

Summary: This amendment proposed by Citizen's Petition is a second version of the other proposal regarding accessory apartments from the same lead petitioner with corrections to cross-references and typographical errors. This proposed amendment would amend the Protective Zoning Bylaw by rescinding the existing section on "accessory apartments within single-family dwellings" and inserting a new section governing accessory apartments. The new section would largely restate the language of the rescinded existing section except the definition of the provision would be expanded to also allow for accessory apartments: as subsidiary dwellings as an extension to a single family dwelling or above a structure accessory thereto; with a maximum of one per lot; and with additional stairways to the rear and side of an accessory structure.

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Adam Somerville, Chair

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March 17, 2022; March 24, 2022