2020 Zoning Warrant Articles

Adopted by Town Meeting vote on 3-10-20

Deletions in strikethrough, additions in *italics*

**Article #2 – Revise Building Permit Timeframe**

Revise Section 490-902E to read as follows:

E. Failure to issue permit deemed a denial. If the Building Inspector shall fail to grant the application within 15 days of the filing thereof of the time periods specified in RSA 676:13, the application shall be considered denied as of that date unless an extension of time is agreed upon, in writing, by the applicant and the Building Inspector.

**Article #3 – Revise Home Occupation Ordinance**

Revise Section 490-709 as follows:

Home occupations are allowed in the Residential, Rural, and Recreational Districts *all residential dwellings*.

**Article #4 – Allow Electronic Price Change Signs**

Modify Section 490-702E and H as follows:

E. Prohibited signs and materials. The following types of signs are expressly prohibited in all districts unless otherwise provided for in this section:

(1) Animated, moving, flashing, and intensely lighted signs and signs that emit audible sound, noise, or visible matter. This includes scrolling, flashing, or repeating messages, images or displays. Electronic reader boards and electronic changeable copy signs are prohibited, *except that the Planning Board may grant a conditional use permit under Section 490-702 H for static electronic price change signs for gas stations.*

H. Conditional use permits.

(1) The Planning Board may grant a conditional use permit to modify the requirements of Subsection D(2) *and as noted above*, in limited respects, provided that the Board finds that all of the following criteria are met:

(a) The modification complies with the purposes of the sign regulations noted in Subsection A.
(b) The applicant's particular situation justifies a modification to the requirements.
(c) The site is suitable for the proposed modification.
(d) There will be no adverse impact on neighboring properties.
(e) There will be no adverse impact on traffic or pedestrian safety.
(f) The aesthetic character of the site and the surrounding area will not be adversely affected.
(g) The modification will be consistent with the spirit and intent of this chapter and the Master Plan.

**Article #5 – Increase Size of Accessory Apartments**

Revise Section 490-801B(4) to increase the maximum allowable size of accessory apartments from 750 square feet to 950 square feet.

**Article #6 – Allow Sports Betting**

To allow sports betting as a permitted use.