

Councilor Wrobleski Amendment

6.3 Public Hearings required by Municipal Reviewing Authority

The Planning Board, in its capacity as the municipal reviewing authority, shall hold public hearings relative to any proposed zoning ordinance, zoning map, or amendment thereto as statutorily required by M.R.S.A. 30-A §4352. Public notice of said hearing shall be provided in compliance with state law and town ordinances.

a. Procedure for Public Hearings

i. Public hearings under this section shall be held after administrative action items have been addressed and prior to consideration of items on the regular agenda.

ii. The Chair shall read the description of the item.

iii. The Chair shall open the public hearing and ask for public comment relative to the item. The Chair may set time limitations on public testimony and/or ask parties to consolidate or join testimony if their interests are substantially similar and such consolidation will expedite the hearing.

iv. The Chair shall close the public hearing.

v. The Chair will allow for Planning Board discussion of the item. The Board may choose to conduct deliberations on the proposed ordinance at the end of the Planning Board meeting in order to facilitate the processing of other business on the Board's agenda.

b. Planning Board Input Recommendation - The Board Members may shall deliberate on the administrative aspects of the proposed zoning ordinance, zoning map or zoning amendment. vote to recommend that the proposed ordinance, map, or amendment be approved, approved with revisions, or denied.

c. Report to Town Council – Town staff shall forward any public comment received and input recommendation of the Board to the Town Council.