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Memorandum

Date: January 20, 2011
To: Town Council
From: Amanda L. Stearns, Community Development Director
Cc: Nathan A. Poore, Town Manager
Re: Zoning Amendment to permit property identification signs in certain districts

The Council charged the Community Development Committee with developing an ordinance that would permit certain signs in the Business Professional district to allow property owners to identify their property at the entrance to Route One.

The Committee worked with staff and has developed a series of amendments to accomplish that as well as clarify some portions of the ordinance language regulating signs. The amendment was introduced on December 13, 2010 and the public hearing held on January 10, 2011.

The Community Development Committee has reviewed and recommends certain additional amendments as proposed by staff, including the Town Attorney. None of these amendments are considered substantive, thus no additional hearing is required. The packet includes:

1. Introduction letter.
2. Amendment language at introduction.
3. Introduction cover memo.
4. Recommendation by the Planning Board
5. Amendment language recommended for adoption by the CDC.

The following summary reflects the changes to the original language as recommended. These changes are shown in yellow highlight in the attachment.

Section 2, Definitions –

- 2.165 – Definition of Sign, remove the language “or indoors” as we do not regulate indoor signs.
- b. correct spelling error
 - c. correct spelling error

- f. clarify that property identification signs are either residential or commercial and permitted as regulated under Section 5.13.

New Definitions – clarify which type of sign they each apply to.

Section 5.11, General Provisions

- b. clarify how approvals and permits differ.
 - (1) clarify which permits are issued by the Building Inspector.
 - (2) & (3) add West Falmouth Crossing to the list of signs
 - Alter location and language regarding submittal requirements

Section 5.12, Temporary Signs

- a. remove “advertising” from sign type

Section 5.13, Regulations Applicable to All Districts

- p. 1) clarify subdivision approved by **the Planning Board**
 - 2) a) clarify the **entire** sign must meet the setback.
 - 7) correct “feet” to “foot”
 - 11) delete, repetitive with Section 5.19
 - 11) Content – clarify how street numbers must be displayed

Section 5.17, Free-Standing Signs

Clarify districts this section applies to. Section 3 (for Tidewater and West Falmouth Crossing) refers to sign restrictions in this Section, but this Section does not indicate any standards apply.