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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 specify submission requirements for electronically prepared plans

The Town maintains a computerized land use database that includes mapped data for all parcels and public improvements within the Town. The Town manages this database using a geographic information system (hereinafter “GIS”). Each mapped data layer is known as a GIS coverage.

Development creates a need for the Town to update its GIS data to reflect changes in land ownership, public improvements and other information changes associated with each development. This amendment sets forth the required procedures and GIS specifications for submittal of plan information required by other sections of this ordinance in the GIS format needed by the Town. All specifications are designed to expedite the updating of the GIS data by formatting the information in a way that will require a minimum of effort by the Town.

Councilor Rodden has offered to introduce the amendment.