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Memorandum

Date: May 9, 2013

To: Nathan Poore, Town Manager From: Ethan Croce, Senior Planner

Re: Planning Board Hearing May 7, 2013

At its May 7, 2013 meeting, the Planning Board, acting as the Town's designated Municipal Reviewing Authority, held a public hearing on proposed amendments to the Zoning and Site Plan Review Ordinance relative to the re-zoning of Route 1.

No public comment was received at the public hearing.

Board member Jay Chace expressed concern about Section 3.6.5.10 which prohibits parking between a public street or internal drive and new buildings. He wondered where parking would be allowed in a situation where a building was surrounded by streets and internal drives. He was concerned that this type of situation would then discourage the use of internal drives. He wondered if there was some way to allow for parking flexibility between a building and an internal drive subject to the review of the permitting authority. Board member Bill Benzing was concerned generally with reducing the amount of required parking.

Becca Casey moved to recommend that the Town Council approve the proposed ordinance amendments as written, taking the Board's comments into consideration. The motion was seconded by Kermit Stanley and approved unanimously by the Board.