



TOWN OF NEEDHAM, MA

PLANNING AND COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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PLANNING

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RE: Report on Article 7 from the May 2021 Annual Town Meeting

Dear Town Meeting Members:

The May 2021 Town Meeting voted to refer Article 7 entitled "Citizen's Petition/Amend Zoning By-Law, Map Change to Single Residence B Zoning District" to the Planning Board, Select Board and Finance Committee for further study and a report back to Town Meeting at the 2022 Annual Town Meeting or sooner. The article, a copy of which is attached, describes the geographical area proposed to be placed in the Single Residence B zoning district. The affected area consists of twenty-three separate parcels of land, containing, in total, approximately 360,892 square feet of land, located between the Circumferential Highway (Route 128) and Hunting Road, starting at the property known and numbered 176 Hunting Road and continuing to Cheney Street. The affected area is currently located within the Single Residence A zoning district.

The Planning Board has consulted with the article's Petitioner who has advised the Board that he no longer wishes to proceed with the rezoning anticipated under Article 7 but may wish to proceed under a more targeted approach of dimensional adjustments at a future date. As the Petitioner is no longer interested in proceeding under Article 7, no further action on this matter is presently required.

Needham Planning Board

ARTICLE 7: CITIZEN'S PETITION/AMEND ZONING BY-LAW – MAP CHANGE TO SINGLE RESIDENCE B ZONING DISTRICT

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Needham Zoning Bylaw by amending the Zoning Map as follows:

Place in the Single Residence B Zoning District (i) all that land now zoned Single Residence A bounded generally to the northwest by a point at the northwesterly end of Parcel 73 on Needham Assessor's Map No. 66, to the northeast by the State Circumferential Highway, to the southeast by Kendrick Street, and to the northwest by Hunting Road; said land comprising Parcels 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72 and 73 on said Map No. 66 and Parcels 25, 26 and 27 on Needham Assessor's Map No. 58; as well as (ii) all that land now zoned Single Residence A bounded generally to the northwest by Kendrick Street, to the northeast by the State Circumferential Highway, to the southeast by Cheney Street, and to the southwest by Hunting Road, said land comprising Parcels 1, 2, 3, 4, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24 on said Map No. 58.

So much of said land comprising Parcels 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72 and 73 on said Map No. 66 and Parcels 25, 26 and 27 on Needham Assessor's Map No. 58 being bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on the northeasterly side of Hunting Road at the northwesterly end of Parcel 73 on Needham Assessor's Map No. 66; thence running southeasterly along the southwesterly side of the State Circumferential Highway a distance of 1,792.15 feet to Kendrick Street; thence running westerly and northwesterly along the northerly side of Kendrick Street, 328.72 feet to Hunting Road; thence running northwesterly along the northeasterly line of Hunting Road, 1,359.60 feet, to the point of beginning.

And so much of said land comprising Parcels 1, 2, 3, 4, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24 on Needham Assessor's Map No. 58 being bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on the southerly side of Kendrick Street, at the intersection with Hunting Road, thence running westerly 250.08 feet to the southwesterly side of the State Circumferential Highway; thence running generally southeasterly along the southwesterly side of the State Circumferential Highway a distance of 224.63 feet to Cheney Street; thence running southerly along the westerly line of Cheney Street a distance of 371.7 feet to the intersection with Hunting Road; thence running northwesterly along Hunting Road, a distance of 14.19 feet; thence running southerly by Hunting Road, along a curved line, a distance of 68.91 feet; thence running northwesterly along the northeasterly side of Hunting Road 444.24 feet; thence running along a curved line at the intersection of Hunting Road and Kendrick Street a distance of 95.20 to the point of beginning.

Be any or all of said measurements, more or less.

Or take any other action relative thereto.