

NORTON PLANNING BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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In accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 40A, Section 5, the Norton Planning Board will hold a public hearing on April 11th, 2023 at 7:15 p.m. at the Norton Public Library, 68 East Main Street, Norton, MA for the purpose of providing interested persons the opportunity to comment on a zoning amendment submitted by the Planning Board for the Spring Town Meeting. Members of the public can also participate remotely via ZOOM at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6389291060> or enter Code 6389291060. Please review the Planning Board website at <https://www.nortonma.org/planning-board> on the day of the event to confirm the meeting date and location and participation options. The proposed changes are as follows:

- A. Amend Zoning Bylaw 4.5 “Table of Use Regulations – Industrial Uses” by adding different sizes and types of solar facilities in different areas of town, most of them by-right (if small) or by site plan review (if large) to comply with M.G.L. c. 40A §3 and recent solar caselaw.
- B. Amend Zoning Bylaw 13.0 “Floodplain District” by adding in more definitions to make bylaw enforcement easier, add the numbers of the Floodplain Community Panels and the need to comply with Stormwater Regulations for better administration of the bylaw, and adds provisions for the Town to enforce non-compliance and zoning violations through a proper process.
- C. Amend Zoning Bylaw 22.0 “Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations” by removing the words “large-scale, ground mounted” from the bylaw, thus making this a bylaw that regulates all types and sizes of solar photovoltaic installations; add definitions to differentiate between different sizes and types of solar projects; make a distinction between commercial and small-scale residential solar uses, and add regulations for Energy Storage Systems.

The supporting documentation are on file in the office of the Town Clerk and the Planning Department (70 E. Main Street) and may be reviewed during working hours, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 pm. Information can also be obtained via the Town of Norton Planning Board webpage at <https://www.nortonma.org/planning-board>; by emailing mdelafuente@nortonmaus.com or calling 508-285-0279. Any person interested or wishing to be heard should appear at the time and place of the public hearing.

Timothy Griffin, Chair
Norton Planning Board