



The following Public Hearing notice was published in the Sun Chronicle on Monday, February 26, 2018 and again on March 5, 2018

NORTON PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L., C 40A, S. 5, the Norton Planning Board will hold a public hearing on March 13, 2018, beginning at 7:20 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 proposed changes to the Norton Zoning By-laws that will be placed on the warrant for the Annual Spring Town Meeting to be held on May 14, 2018. The proposed changes are as follows:

Draft Article 20: General and Zoning Bylaws - Codification: To see if the Town will accept a codified (re-numbered) General and zoning bylaw. Draft language is available in the Planning & Zoning Office (DPED) and online at: <https://www.nortonma.org/planning-board/pages/town-meeting-planningzoning-article-information>

Draft Article 21: Proposed Zoning Amendment – Keeping of Rabbits & Hens for Personal Use: To see if the Town will accept a proposed zoning bylaw change to the Article 4.3, use table, to allow under 12 hens (no roosters) by right in Residential districts on lots of conforming dimensional standards, reducing permitting requirements. Draft language is available in the Planning & Zoning Office (DPED) and online at: <https://www.nortonma.org/planning-board/pages/town-meeting-planningzoning-article-information>

Draft Article 22: Proposed Zoning Amendment – Siting of Marijuana Establishments: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw, Articles 2, 4, and 15 to authorize, in the Industrial District, the siting of Marijuana Establishments, but specifically excluding “on site consumption” marijuana retail establishments, subject to a special permit requirement and site plan approval, all as set forth (in this draft language); provided, however, that the Planning Board’s recommendation on such proposed amendment, and therefore the motion to be made hereunder, may present a bylaw that varies somewhat from that as presented. This mirrors the current zoning bylaw on Medical Marijuana (Article XXII). Draft language is available in the Planning & Zoning Office (DPED) and online at: <https://www.nortonma.org/planning-board/pages/town-meeting-planningzoning-article-information>

Draft Article 23: Proposed Zoning Amendment –Temporary Moratorium on Recreational Marijuana Establishments: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw Article IV, Section 4.9, to extend the temporary moratorium related to recreational

marijuana through December 31, 2018, as the regulation of recreational marijuana raises novel legal, planning, and public safety issues, and the Town needs time to study and consider the regulation of Recreational Marijuana Establishments and address such issues.

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The complete language for each proposed zoning bylaw may be reviewed during regular Town Hall hours in the Office of Planning & Economic Development, 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. Draft language is also available at the Library and in the Town Clerks offices, or on the Planning Board website as directed above. Any person interested or wishing to be heard should appear at the time and place of the public hearing.

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