

TOWN OF WHITMAN  
PLANNING BOARD  
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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The Planning Board of the Town of Whitman will hold a public hearing to discuss proposed amendments to the Town's Protective Zoning By-Law. The public hearing will be held as follows:

Place: Virtually on Zoom

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**Meeting ID:** 848 5210 9538 **Passcode:** 810710

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**Date:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021

**Time:** 7:00 PM

The subject matter of the proposed amendments is as indicated below. The complete text and maps relative to the proposed amendments are available for inspection on the Town's website at <https://www.whitman-ma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/2526/General-Code-Red-Line-Draft> & <https://www.whitman-ma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/2527/Bylaw-Review-cont-03-2021> and, by appointment only, during regular business hours at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, 54 South Ave., Whitman, MA 02382. Please call 781-618-9710 to schedule an appointment.

Subject Matter of Proposed Amendments

1. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's existing Protective Zoning By-Law by adopting the compilation, numbering, codification, arrangement, sequencing, and captioning of, and comprehensive revision to, the text of such Protective Zoning By-Law, all as set forth in the Final Draft of the Code of the Town of Whitman, dated April 2021, on file in the office of the Town Clerk and available on the Town's website at [www.whitman-ma.gov](http://www.whitman-ma.gov), or take any action relative thereto:

[Proposed changes include the compilation, rearrangement, renumbering, and recaptioning of the existing provisions of Town's Protective Zoning By-Law, as well as non-substantive, ministerial amendments throughout the By-Law to create a more uniform presentation, a more organized topical structure and a more reader-friendly format to aid searches and to facilitate the insertion of future amendments, including renumbered outline format, insertion of headings and subheadings, providing for consistency with the Massachusetts General Laws and internally with regard to spelling and use of various words, and updating references to existing Town offices and bodies. Additionally, proposed substantive changes include amendments to the definitions including: revision of "Building", "Family", "Personal Wireless Services", "Use, Nonconforming", and "Yard, Rear"; incorporation of section-specific definitions for "Adult Bookstore", "Adult Motion Picture Theater", "Adult Paraphernalia Store", "Adult Video Store", and "Live Adult Entertainment Establishment" into the general definitions; deletion of the term "Multifamily Dwelling" and "Use, Accessory". Proposed substantive changes

also include amendments to the following: Principal Use descriptions concerning manufacturing, assembly or packaging of consumer goods, mortuaries, veterinary establishments/kennels, swimming pools, design consideration and parking requirements for multiple use overlay district; definition of “Usable common open space” with regard to multifamily dwellings/apartments; surfacing requirements; off-street loading regulations; special signs exemptions; erosion control slope requirements; buffer strips requirements; control of air pollution requirements; waste disposal, water supply and water quality requirements; storage requirements; natural disaster restoration eligibility; moving structures requirements; permit application contents; special permits and variances granted by the board of appeals; Radio Frequency Radiation standards estimate requirements for personal wireless service facilities; special permit application procedures concerning application filing requirements, sight lines, design filing requirements, and Radio Frequency Radiation filing requirements; nonconforming uses; and other amendments. A corresponding recodification of the Town’s general by-law is also proposed for this annual town meeting.]

2. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town’s Protective Zoning By-Law by striking subsection 7-4 Flood Plain and Watershed Protection Districts, as may be recodified hereunder, in its entirety and inserting in place thereof a new subsection 7-4 Floodplain District and Watershed Protection District, to be codified consistent with any vote hereunder, to read as follows, or take any action relative thereto:

[This proposed amendment includes significant revisions intended to maintain eligibility for flood insurance within in accordance with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requirements, and have been proposed after consultation with the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation. Proposed changes include the separation of Flood Plain and Watershed Protection overlay district into two distinct Floodplain and Watershed Protection overlay districts, with substantial changes to the boundaries of the Floodplain overlay district. Within these overlay districts, substantial amendments to applicable requirements are proposed, changes concerning permits; notifications regarding changing technical data and watercourse alternations or relocations in riverine areas; variances; subdivisions; zones of regulation in relation to floodways; recreational vehicles; enforcement; the addition of definitions for provisions applicable to these overlay districts; and other amendments.]

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Adam Somerville, Chair  
Whitman Express  
April 1, 2021; April 8, 2021