



Article 44 Planned Development Districts

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Planned Development Districts

- Permit considerable flexibility in the development of tracts of land by requiring few predetermined standards;
- Permit a developer to propose, and for the Town to vote on, a site development and use plan unique to a particular location;
- Permit the use of development standards more detailed than the more general standards elsewhere in this bylaw.



14 CD districts

10 RD districts





Proposed Changes

- Eliminate unnecessary RD district type
- Eliminate special Town Meeting procedures
- Replace special permit process with site plan review process
- Existing CD and RD districts remain covered by existing rules until amended
- Cleanup and simplification



Eliminate RD District Type

- Provides no additional value over the CD district type for proponents or the Town
- Town Meeting has always modified existing RD standards to accommodate developments which cannot meet them
- Special treatment of residential development on Town-owned land is no longer needed
- Rename CD to PD to avoid confusion
 - Districts may be commercial, residential, or mixed-use



Town Meeting Procedures

- Eliminate special requirements
 - Revised PSDUP must be filed 7 days before first session of Town Meeting (even if Article will not come up for many weeks)
 - Amendments to PSDUP be filed 7 days before vote and require 2/3 vote
- Eliminated requirements obstruct necessary desirable and non-controversial changes to PSDUP
- Standard Town Meeting procedures provide sufficient protection to Town and proponents



After Town Meeting

- Existing: Special permit and DSDUP
 - Granted (2/3 vote) or denied at discretion of Zoning Board of Appeals
 - Must comply with PSDUP
 - May contain conditions that serve the public interest
- Proposed: Site plan review
 - Granted (majority vote) by Planning Board if development complies with PSDUP
 - May contain reasonable conditions supporting defined Planning Board standards
- State law forbids districts that require a special permit for all development
- Site plan review process provides originally intended oversight while conforming to state law



Questions