



LEXINGTON PLANNING BOARD
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RECOMMENDATION REPORT OF THE LEXINGTON PLANNING BOARD

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ARTICLE 45: FRONT YARD, TRANSITION, AND SCREENING AREAS

ARTICLE 46: GROSS FLOOR AREA

RECOMMENDATION

The Planning Board unanimously recommends that Town Meeting REFER the subject matter of Articles 35-41 and 43-46 to the Planning Board, to be brought back to the next special or annual Town Meeting. On Wednesday, March 18, 2020, the Planning Board voted to recommend this action with a vote of five (5) in favor, zero (0) in opposition, and zero (0) in abstention.

BACKGROUND

Under the extraordinary circumstances of the current COVID-19 pandemic, the Moderator has asked that all Town Meeting business which is not time-critical be postponed to a future special Town Meeting, to be scheduled when circumstances permit adequate discussion and reasoned decision-making. The Planning Board and the citizen sponsors of Articles 43-46 concur with this request, and recommend that Town Meeting do the same.

PUBLIC HEARING PROCESS

Each Article was the subject of a public hearing or hearings, after publication of a legal advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation and notification of all parties in interest. For each Article, the Planning Board took public testimony, voted to close the public hearing, and made a recommendation to Town Meeting. Details of the testimony and discussions may be found in the minutes of Planning Board meetings of January 22nd, February 12th and 26th, and March 4th and 5th, 2020.

All previous recommendations to the Annual Town Meeting made by the Planning Board on these articles are replaced by the one in this report. The Board may publish informational reports on the articles with additional information and conclusions of the Board, should circumstances permit.