



Town of Lexington

Special Town Meeting 2020-2

Article 17: Amend Zoning Bylaw and Map –Bedford Street near Hartwell Avenue (Citizen Petition)

This Article requests that Town Meeting approve an amendment to the Lexington Zoning Map by rezoning a parcel of land currently being utilized for commercial purposes from the One-family (RO) Zoning District to the Manufacturing (CM) Zoning District.

This parcel of land is located on Bedford street near the intersection of Hartwell Avenue, directly next to the jughandle, and is notably one of the more congested intersections in Lexington. While the Select Board acknowledges that there have been some conversations about the Town potentially purchasing this property, the Select Board and Town Manager feel that discussion is outside the scope of this article and agree that purchasing this property does not strategically align with the Town’s capital needs at this point in time.

Approving this warrant article would make the zoning of the property at 475 Bedford Street consistent with the zoning of other commercial properties on Hartwell Avenue and with the zoning on the opposite side of Bedford Street, as adopted in Article 16 of STM 2020-2.

The Select Board believes that rezoning this parcel will not only increase the commercial tax base but would ensure the viability of the Hartwell Ave commercial district and planned rezoning initiative.

The Select Board unanimously supports passage of this Article.