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Report of the Medway Planning & Economic Development Board November 16, 2020 Fall Town Meeting Proposed Amendments – Medway Zoning Bylaw Warrant Articles 4 - 14

BACKGROUND – The warrant for the November 16, 2020 Fall Town Meeting includes 11 articles with proposed amendments to the Medway Zoning Bylaw. Article 4 is sponsored by the Board of Selectmen. Articles 5 – 14 are sponsored by the Planning and Economic Development Board. All 11 articles are supported by the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee. A brief explanation of each article will be provided as the article is taken up by Town Meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS – Chapter 40A of Massachusetts General Laws requires municipal planning boards to conduct a public hearing on proposed amendments to its local zoning bylaw and map. The Board scheduled the public hearing for October 13, 2020. The public hearing notice was filed with the Town Clerk's office on September 24, 2020 and posted to the Town's web site on September 25th. It was also announced on the Town's FACEBOOK page on October 1, 9 and 13, 2020. The required legal notice was advertised in the *Milford Daily News* on September 28 and October 6, 2020.

The Board opened the public hearing on October 13, 2020. It was continued to October 20, 2020 when it concluded. During the hearing, the Board heard or received testimony from Community and Economic Development Director Barbara Saint Andre, Building Commissioner Jack Mee, Town Counsel Carolyn Murray of KP Law, and Medway residents John Lally and Paul Yorkis. Based on that testimony and the Board's discussion with staff, several revisions were made to the proposed amendments which are reflected in the text of the articles as printed in the warrant.

OTHER REVIEW - The proposed articles were reviewed and discussed with the Board of Selectmen on October 5 and November 2, 2020 and with the Finance Committee on October 28th.

RECOMMENDATION – At its meeting on October 20, 2020, the Planning and Economic Development Board voted to recommend that Town Meeting approve Articles 4 – 14 as presented in the warrant.

Respectfully submitted,

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