



City of Woonsocket, RI

Planning Board | Zoning Board of Review Joint Meeting

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE ZONING BOARD OF REVIEW AND THE PLANNING BOARD

Date/Time: Tuesday, January 16, 2023 | 6:30 PM

Location: Woonsocket Education Center, Room 308, 115 Main Street, Woonsocket, RI 02895

AGENDA:

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ATTENDANCE REVIEW
- III. INTRODUCTIONS OF RELEVANT STAFF AND ATTENDING CONSULTANTS

City Staff from the Department of Planning and Development will introduce City Staff members involved in the updates to the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations, followed by introductions of attending consultants contracted by the City of Woonsocket to advise and assist in the updates to the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations.

- IV. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. SUMMARY OF WORKSHOP HELD ON DECEMBER 19, 2023 AND UPDATES ON THE CURRENT STATE OF THE WOONSOCKET ZONING CODE AND SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS

City Staff from the Department of Planning and Development will summarize the Special Meeting of the Zoning Board of Review and the Planning Board held on December 19, 2023 and provide additional updates and context on select topics covered during that session.

Those topics of discussion included:

- Accessory Dwelling Units (2023-H 6082 Substitute Aaa)
- Zoning Enabling Act (2023-H 6059 Substitute A, 2023-S 1032 Substitute A)
- Adaptive Reuse (2023-H 6090 Substitute A, 2023-S 1035 Substitute A)

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- Transit-Oriented Development (2023-H 6084 Substitute B, 2023-S 1052 Substitute A)
- Comprehensive Plan Implementation (2023-H 6085 Substitute A, 2023-S 1033 Substitute A)
- Land Development and Subdivision (2023-H 6061 Substitute Aaa, 2023-S 1034 Substitute A)

V. CONTINUATION OF OLD BUSINESS

A. ZONING BOARD OF REVIEW AND PLANNING BOARD WORKSHOP ON AMENDMENTS TO THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS REGARDING VARIOUS ASPECTS OF ZONING, PLANNING, AND PERMITTING STATUTES

City Staff from the Department of Planning and Development will hold a workshop with the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Review to update the Board members on State Legislation that was adopted in 2022 and 2023, most of which has gone in effect on January 1, 2024. This legislation made changes to various aspects of zoning, planning, and permitting statutes for the purposes of standardizing and streamlining the development process and otherwise reducing barriers to housing development. The purpose of this informational workshop is to prepare the members of both Boards concerning changes that will affect City Ordinances and procedures regarding applications and meetings, in addition to allowing Board members and city staff to discuss the details of these changes.

Topics of open discussion include changes to:

- LMI Housing (2023-H 6081 Substitute A, 2023-S 1037 Substitute A)
- Inclusionary Zoning (2023-H 6058 Substitute A, 2023-S 1051 Substitute A)
- Judicial Proceedings - Land Use (2023-H 6060 Substitute A / 2023-H 6083 Substitute A, 2023-S 1053 Substitute A / 2023-S 1050 Substitute A)
- Notice Requirements (2023-H 6086 Substitute A, 2023-S 1038 Substitute A)

Please note that the above list of topics for discussion is by no means exhaustive. We may anticipate future meetings where we will discuss additional legislative changes.

NOTICE: This is NOT a public hearing. This is a Special Meeting per §42-46-6 of the Rhode Island General Laws with the purpose of discussing state policy changes that will remain informational. No decisions affecting the public will be made. The public is encouraged to attend.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

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VII. ADJOURNMENT

By Order of the Zoning Board of Review,
Dennis J. Lozardo, Chairman, Officiating
Joseph M. Rollins, Zoning Official
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By Order of the Planning Board,
Kenneth Finlay, Chairman
Jonas U. Bruggemann, City Planner
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