

**Planning Commission Report
On the Municipal Bylaw Amendments**

This report is in accordance with 24 V.S.A. 441 © which states:

When considering an amendment to a bylaw, the planning commission shall prepare and approve a written report on the proposal. A single report may be prepared so as to satisfy the requirements of this subsection concerning bylaw amendments and subsection 4384 © of this title concerning plan amendments.

The report shall provide:

(A) *Brief explanation of the proposed bylaw, amendment or repeal and ... include a statement of purpose as required for notice under section 4444 of this title.*

The proposed changes to **Article V- Design Review District Overlay District-Description, Uses & Regulation; Article VII - Standards; Article VIII – Signs and Article X – General Definitions** are intended to address

- 1) Design Uses & Regulations for **Outdoor Dining**
- 2) Standards for **Solar Regulations and Screening** in Wilmington, VT
- 3) Standards for **Electric Vehicle Charging Stations** in Wilmington, VT
- 4) Signage size adjustment for **Public Event Signage**
- 5) Definitions of terms used in the Wilmington Zoning Ordinance related to **Electric Vehicle Charging Stations and Public Art**

In the spirit of the Wilmington Town Plan adopted 10/2/2018 (Goal 10): Make it easier to do business in Wilmington, (Goal 14): “Encourage the Efficient Use of Energy and the Development of Renewable Energy Resources through execution of action plans” and further, to implement Goal 14, Policy 1: “Promote alternative energy sources such as solar...” and Goal 14, Policy 2: “Provide safe energy generation and consumption”

The Planning Commission of the Town of Wilmington has determined that:

1. Clarifying Outdoor Dining use and Regulation and Signage clarification for Public Event Signage serves an important role in meeting of Goal 10
2. Establishing standards Solar Energy use and Electric Vehicle Charging serves an important role in the meeting of Goal 14.
3. Adding Definitions for both Electric Vehicle Charging Stations and Public Art Housing play an important role in meeting Goals 10 and 14 as stated above.

Therefore, the Planning Commission proposes the following changes and additions to the Wilmington, VT zoning ordinances:

- 1. Changes to Article V- Design Review District Overlay District-Description**
- 2. Changes to Article VII – Standards to clarify Solar Use regulations and to encourage Electric Vehicles Charging Stations**
- 3. Changes to Article VIII – Signs**
- 4. Addition of proposed definitions to Article X (General Definitions)**

The report shall also

“(B) include findings regarding how the proposal:

1. Conforms with or furthers the goals and policies contained in the municipal plan, including Encourage the Efficient Use of Energy and the Development of Renewable Energy Resources

These amendment changes, it is hoped, will increase the development alternative energy resources in Wilmington.

2. Is compatible with the proposed future land uses and densities of the municipal plan:

The proposed changes have no effect on density. These amendments are compatible with the proposed future land uses called for in the municipal plan.

3. Carries out, as applicable, any specific proposal for any planned community facilities.

No planned community facilities are affected by this amendment.

Approved in our meeting of July 11th, 2022

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