

Town of Shirley

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Dear Residents of Shirley,

The Economic Development Committee has been meeting weekly to promote Economic Development in Town. There have been rezoning efforts, which the Town will be voting on at a future Town Meeting, and an effort to simplify the sometimes lengthy permitting process. On the Fall Town Meeting Warrant, scheduled for Monday, November 10th, there is an article to create a 43D Expedited Permitting area on Lancaster Road.

To see if the Town will accept the provisions of Chapter 43D of the Massachusetts General Laws as amended pursuant to Section 11 of chapter 205 of the acts of 2006, and to approve the filing of an application with the Interagency Permitting Board for the designation of land at Lancaster Road including the following parcels as a Priority Development Site: 2-B-1, 2-B-1.1, 2-B-1.12, 2-B-1.13, 2-B-1.2, 2-B-1.21, 2-B-1.22, 2-B-1.23, or to take any action thereto. Map is attached.

If this article passes at Town Meeting it will go to the state for approval. Once the site is approved by the state the site will have a process to streamline the permitting of a new development on Lancaster Road (parcels listed above). The site will be registered as a priority site with the state and will give the Town the ability to attract developers, thus building the commercial base in Town, as well as increasing new growth. Currently the Town relies on its residents to make up the tax base, which can overburden those who live here. Building the business base is a way to take some of the burden off of residents. The Economic Development Committee is working hard to increase the commercial base, while sustaining its current businesses. If anyone is interested in learning more about the Economic Development Committee, the committee meets every Tuesday night at 6pm in Town Hall.

The Land Use Department is also seeing some changes. The Town is trying to have better coverage in the Land Use offices during the work week. The Town is seeking to hire a part time Land Use Assistant that will be able to assist residents. The deadline for applications is Friday, October 24th. The Town is looking for an energetic, professional individual who is willing to attend some night meeting for the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board. Please contact my office if you have questions.

Any questions or concerns can be directed to my office. As always my door is open to all residents.

Sincerely,

Patrice Garvin,
Shirley Town Administrator