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Mr. Peter Wolfe Chair, Durham Planning Board 6 Riverview Road Durham, NH 03824

Dear Peter:

At the Town Council meeting on Monday evening, April 7, 2014, the Council reviewed proposed changes to Chapter 175 "Zoning", Article XXIII "Signs and Communications Devices", Sections 175-129, 175-131, and 175-133 of the Durham Town Code. These amendments are intended to bring the ordinance in compliance with current state statutes and permit the Town to be more efficient with its enforcement while allowing for expression of political speech.

The Council voted to refer the new Council-initiated zoning changes discussed above to the Durham Planning Board for its review and study in accordance with Section 175-14(B) of the Durham Zoning Ordinance.

Attached for your information is a draft ordinance which incorporates the proposed amendments to Sections 175-129, 175-131, and 175-133 of the Zoning Ordinance. Also attached is the April 7th communication provided to the Town Council explaining the rationale for these changes. The Durham Town Council requests this item be placed on a future Planning Board agenda and that the Planning Board provide its recommendations to the Town Council upon completing its appropriate review and study.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have further questions in regard to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Todd I. Selig Administrator

Attachments

C: Michael Behrendt, Director of Planning & Community Development Richard Kelley, Vice Chair, Durham Planning Board