



Town of Plympton
By-law Review Committee
Newsletter

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The By-law Review Committee would very much appreciate your support for the two draft warrant articles that we have submitted to Town Meeting for consideration. You may remember that our proposed articles focus on making updates to two foundational sections of the current zoning by-law document: **Enforcement**, and **Authority and Purpose**.

Passage of these two warrant articles will bring a number of important benefits to our town:

- In **Authority and Purpose**, we are recommending adding a sentence that speaks to protection of aquifers and groundwater supplies. We live in a community where every single family and every single business is totally dependent on access to clean ground water. Our members felt that it was vital to add language to **Authority and Purpose** that clearly lays out the importance of ground water protection. Adding this single sentence will document the criticality of protecting our water resources.
- In **Enforcement**, our recommendations for strengthening and clarifying this language will bring Plympton and its resident several valuable benefits, including:
 - Bringing all the information about how Plympton's zoning regulations are enforced into a single section of the document, making it easier for residents, developers, and anyone contemplating a new project to quickly find the information that they need.
 - Spelling out the responsibilities of the Zoning Enforcement Officer and the Board of Selectmen.
 - Accurately reflecting the requirements of the state laws that govern all zoning regulations in Massachusetts.
 - Helping to protect the town from litigation and the expenses associated with litigation.

We have already held both a public hearing and a public informational session on these proposed warrant articles and we plan to make a brief presentation to Town Meeting. We look forward to seeing you there!

The By-law Review Committee meets on the first and third Thursday of each month at the Town House – starting at 6:30 PM – residents are welcome to attend!

Thank you.

Alan Wheelock - Chairman Plympton By-law Review Committee