



Town of Plympton
By-law Review Committee
Newsletter

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In addition to creating and distributing these newsletters, the By-law Review Committee continues to reach out to other members of Town Government for input and guidance. Recent visitors to our Committee meetings include Selectmen Mark Russo, John Traynor, and Christine Joy, Zoning Enforcement Officer Bob Karling, Building Inspector Tom Millias, and our new Town Administrator Elizabeth Dennehy. Input from all Plympton residents is encouraged, and residents are very welcome to attend any By-law Review Committee meeting that they would like.

“Uses” is one of the foundational concepts in the creation of Zoning By-laws in Massachusetts, and (after this spring’s Town Meeting has passed) represents an area that the By-law Review Committee is interested in looking at on behalf of Plympton residents. You may or may not know that in the current Zoning By-law, the town is divided into four Districts, and each District has uses that can be a) Permitted, b) Permitted by Special Permit, c) Expressly Prohibited, or d) Not Applicable.

At present, Plympton has four distinct Use Districts. They can be seen on our zoning map and are entitled:

1. Agricultural-Residential
2. Business
3. Light Manufacturing
4. Industrial.

The bulk of the town is zoned Agricultural-Residential, although it has several Business Districts and a very active industrial park located directly adjacent to the Route 44 Extension.

The number of possible uses listed in the current by-law is extensive – there are nearly 90 items identified and documented. These documented uses range from such common categories as one family dwellings and farms to unusual items such as radioactive waste storage or open-air theatres. For all of these potential land uses, Plympton’s current Zoning Law rates them anywhere from Permitted

to Permitted by Special Permit to Expressly Prohibited. This is an important area of zoning and one that the By-law Review Committee is committed to looking at later this year.

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