



Town of Plympton  
By-law Review Committee  
*Newsletter*

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The By-law Review Committee has submitted two draft town meeting warrant articles for legal review – one that addresses Authority and Purpose, and a second that seeks to update the Enforcement Section of the current By-laws.

Once legal review of these two proposed warrant articles have been approved by town counsel, our Committee will work closely with the Planning Board to hold the necessary public hearings. We also intend to do a lot of public outreach and education in an effort to make certain that Plympton residents are fully informed about these warrant articles prior to Town Meeting in May.

To that end, the By-law Review Committee has scheduled a joint meeting with the Plympton Planning Board. This meeting is scheduled to take place on February 12<sup>th</sup>. The By-law Review Committee members will update the Planning Board on:

- The overall goals and objectives of the By-law Review Committee.
- A summary of our areas of focus during the past twelve months.
- An explanation of the draft warrant articles that we plan to introduce at Town Meeting in the spring.
  - A comparison between the proposed language in our draft warrant articles and the language that exists in the current by-law.

We will also be seeking feedback and input on our efforts from the members of the Planning Board. The By-law Review Committee would be very interested in hearing from Planning Board members on issues such as:

- Do they have areas of the current Zoning or Municipal By-laws that they feel our Committee should look at during the coming year?
- Which areas of zoning law improvement do they see as “low hanging fruit?”
- Based on their experiences working with the current Plympton By-laws, what would they describe as the document’s strengths and weaknesses?
- What help will they need from our Committee in scheduling and executing public hearings for the draft warrant articles that we plan to submit to the Board of Selectmen?

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