

A photograph of a dried, pressed leaf and stem against a light-colored, textured background. The leaf is dark brown and elongated, with a pointed tip. The stem is thin and dark, extending from the leaf towards the bottom left. The background is a light beige or cream color with subtle, wavy patterns.

Agricultural Amendments

Continuing Implementation of the
2007 Comprehensive Plan




2007 Comprehensive Plan

- Adopted by Town Council September 2007
- 91 recommendations
- 33 short-term (high priority recommendations)
- 5 Zoning Amendment packages
- Shoreland Zoning, BA District done



Agricultural and Forestry

- **Goal 1: The Town shall support the continuation of farming and management of woodland areas by working with farmers and land owners to provide for financial rewards and preservation of significant agricultural and forestry areas.**

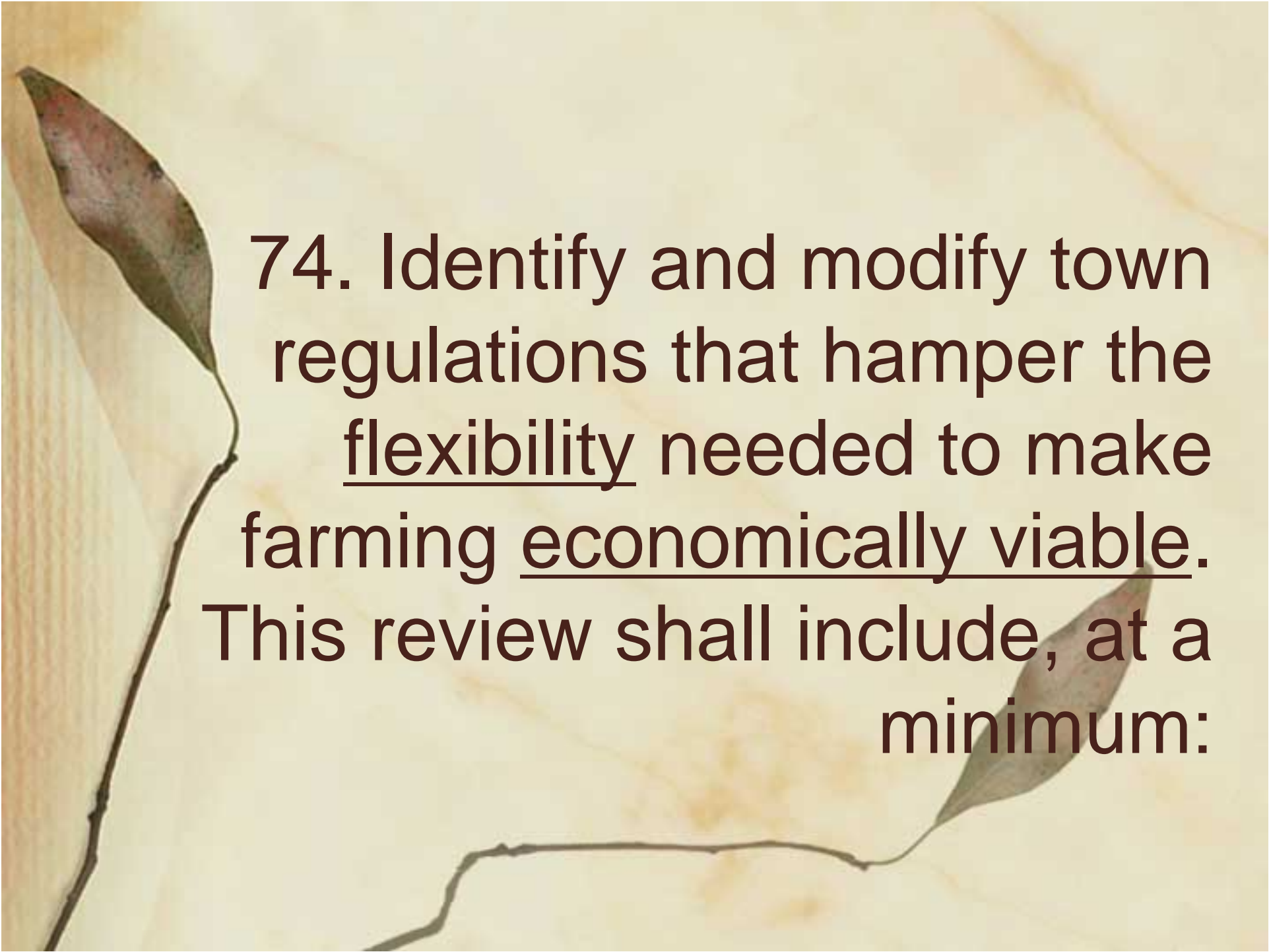


Agricultural and Forestry Recommendations


73. Town agricultural profile

74. Farming flexibility in
regulations

75. Open Space/Tree Growth
education



74. Identify and modify town regulations that hamper the flexibility needed to make farming economically viable. This review shall include, at a minimum:

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- Minimum lot size for fish and farm markets
 - Temporary buildings needed for worker housing
 - Agriculture related accessory buildings and uses
 - Agriculture definition
 - Agriculturally related products and uses
 - Restrictions on the percentage of non-farm/non-local produce that may be sold in farm markets



Maine Statute: Sec. 4352

- 2. Relation to Comprehensive Plan. A zoning ordinance must be pursuant to and consistent with a comprehensive plan adopted by the municipal legislative body ...




Development of amendments

- Cape Farm Alliance (#73)
- Planning Board
- Ordinance Committee




Summary of Amendments

- New Agriculture Definition-
Intended to broadly define agriculture and includes riding stables
- New agriculture related use-
Allows farmers more flexibility in types of activities that can generate farm related income

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- Farm market definition revised:
 - Increase from 25 to 50% non-farm products
 - Farm products from any farm in Cape
 - 50% averaged annually to account for seasonal fluctuations
 - Include outdoor display area in 50% calculation

Fish market also revised

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- Agriculture related use permitted in the RA, RB, RC, TC, BA districts
 - Standard setbacks for farm markets
 - Agriculture permitted use with permit in the Resource Protection District
 - Site Plan review of agricultural buildings clarified
 - Temporary buildings do not require Site Plan Review by the Planning Board