

MEMORANDUM

TO: Cape Elizabeth Planning Board
FROM: Maureen O'Meara, Town Planner
DATE: June 20, 2017
SUBJECT: Agricultural Easement Amendment

Introduction

The Planning Board is recommending an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance in order to clarify an existing provision that agricultural land may be preserved as part of open space in new development. A public hearing is scheduled for this evening in accordance with Sec. 19-10-3 Amendments [to the Zoning Ordinance.]

Procedure

- The Planning Board held a workshop on this item on June 6th, when a vote was taken to hold a public hearing this evening.
- The Board should summarize the proposed amendment.
- The Board should then open the public hearing.
- At the close of the public hearing, the Board may begin discussion of the amendment.
- At the end of discussion, the Planning Board has the option to recommend or not recommend the amendment to the Town Council for consideration, or to table the amendment to another workshop.

Discussion

Attached is the draft amendment, which has been revised and reviewed by Town Attorney John Wall. Also attached is a draft cover memo from the Planning Board to the Town Council, should the Planning Board recommend the amendment this evening.

Motion for the Board to Consider

BE IT ORDERED that, based on the materials and the facts presented, the Planning Board (recommends/does not recommend) the Agricultural Easement Amendment to the Town Council for consideration.