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**MEMO**

DATE: June 9, 2021

TO: Windham Planning Board  
FROM: Amanda Lessard, Planning Director  
Cc: Steve Puleo, Planner  
Gretchen Anderson, Environmental & Sustainability Coordinator  
Natural Resources Advisory Committee

RE: Land Use Map Amendment, Pleasant River RP District  
Planning Board Meeting – June 14, 2021

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Enclosed, you will find a copy of the proposed amendment to the Land Use Map recommended by the Natural Resources Advisory Committee (NRAC). The purpose of the proposed change is to provide greater protection of the Town's impaired waterbodies by expanding the shoreland zone on the Pleasant River north of Route 302, from Ditch Brook to the Gray town line, to a 250 foot Resource Protection (RP) district from 100 foot RP or 100 foot Stream Protection (SP) districts. This change will make the shoreland zoning consistent with the shoreland zoning on the Pleasant River downstream from Route 302 to the Presumpscot River. The proposed zoning is more restrictive than the Department of Environmental Protection's minimum shoreland zoning requirements.

**Zoning Amendment Process**

The Planning Board must hold a public hearing prior to making a recommendation on this item to the Town Council. The Town Council will need to hold a public hearing and vote on the proposed changes to the Land Use Map for the changes to be officially approved. The approved changes then will not be effective until approved by the DEP Commissioner.

A public hearing will be scheduled for the June 28, 2021 Planning Board meeting. Staff will notify all impacted properties owners of the Planning Board public hearing. After the public hearing and discussion by the Board, the Planning Board may vote on a recommendation to the Town Council.