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MEMO

DATE: June 24, 2021

TO: Windham Planning Board
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Natural Resources Advisory Committee

RE: Land Use Map Amendment, SP District
Planning Board Meeting & Public Hearing – June 28, 2021

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 tributaries of all waterbodies to a 100-foot Stream Protection (SP) district. The change will include all streams in the shoreland zone that are depicted as a solid blue line on the most recent edition of the U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute series topographic map and shown as a line and attributed as a stream in National Hydrography Dataset (NHD). The proposed zoning is more restrictive than the Department of Environmental Protection's minimum shoreland zoning requirements

Following discussion of the proposed amendment at the June 14, 2021 Planning Board meeting, the Board requested additional information related to water quality of the stream watershed. The following are provided to assist in understanding the water quality issues in Windham:

- Presumpscot Regional Land Trust Water Quality Monitoring Data. Current and historical data can be viewed on the PRLT website at <https://www.prlt.org/water>.
- Windham Watershed Basemap and 2018 draft Watershed Inventory Table draft prepared by Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District. (The table classifies the watersheds, identifies those that are impaired and reason for impairment, and identifies the watersheds that are listed by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) as Lakes Most at Risk from New Development & Urban Impaired Streams (DEP Chapter 502) or Maine DEP Nonpoint Source (NPS) Priority Watersheds.)
- 2021 Recommendations to protect and improve Windham's Watershed

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 is scheduled for the June 28, 2021 Planning Board meeting. After the public hearing and discussion by the Board, the Planning Board may vote on a recommendation to the Town Council similar to the following:

MOTION: To (**recommend/recommend with comments/not recommend**) approval of the proposed amendments to Land Use Map, SP District.