

2010 Medway Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article – Summary Overview

Article #30 – Zoning Bylaw Definitions

Sponsor: Planning and Economic Development Board

Type of Article: Zoning Bylaw Amendment

Summary - This article provides 4 new definitions to the Zoning Bylaw for: *Manufacturing, Alternative Energy, Renewable Energy, and Research & Development Facilities.*

Reason/Purpose for Article: As part of the Town's work toward Massachusetts Green Community Designation, we need to amend the Zoning Bylaw to allow for manufacturing of energy conservation, renewable and alternative energy products; energy related research and development facilities; and alternative energy generation facilities. It is good practice to "define" various terms in conjunction with allowing additional uses in zoning districts.

Background:

Estimate of the revenue or expense impact to the Town: Allowing these uses will expand the development opportunities in Medway which may lead to improved tax base and increased property tax revenues.

How does this article align with overall town planning goals? Help implement many of the economic development goals of the Medway Master Plan – maximize economic development resources; make Medway more business friendly; increase industrial base.

Any interdependence between or among this article and others?
Articles 31 – 34 re: Zoning Bylaw amendments to allow for energy

Concerns/issues/expected opposition? None anticipated.