

Town of Abington
Planning Board
500 Gliniewicz Way
Abington, MA 02351

Article:

To see if the Town will amend the Zoning Bylaw to include the following:

Article II Section 175-4 Definitions and word usage by adding a new definition:

Exterior architectural appearance: the architectural character and general composition of the exterior of a building, including but not limited to the height of the building, the kind, color, and texture of building materials, the type, design and character of all windows, doors, light fixtures, awnings, utility and ventilation structures and all other appurtenant elements.

Special Permit is amended by adding:

B(6) The exterior architectural appearance of the proposed building generally conforms with the Historical New England character of the town

Article VII Special Provisions is amended by adding new subsection 175-32:

J. Design review. The SPGA may take into consideration the proposed exterior architectural appearance to ensure it generally conforms with the Historical New England character of the town

And §175-33 is amended by adding new subsection:

I. Design review. The SPGA may take into consideration the proposed exterior architectural appearance to ensure it generally conforms with the Historical New England character of the town

§175-38 is amended by deleting B(4) and replacing it with the following:

(4) Landscaping, signage, and architectural elements of proposed uses shall be of high quality consistent with existing buildings that reflect the Historical New England character of the town. Maximum consideration shall be given to building design and landscape elements that improve the streetscape of the district.

And §175-39 is amended by adding in Section B a new subsection:

(6) Landscaping, signage, and architectural elements of proposed uses shall be of high quality consistent with existing buildings that reflect the Historical New England character of the town. Maximum consideration shall be given to building design and landscape elements that improve the streetscape of the district.

And §175-40 is amended by adding in Section B a new subsection:

(6) Landscaping, signage, and architectural elements of proposed uses shall be of high quality consistent with existing buildings that reflect the Historical New England character of the town. Maximum consideration shall be given to building design and landscape elements that improve the streetscape of the district.

And §175-76 is amended by adding in Section C (1) a new subsection:

(j) The proposed exterior architectural appearance of the development

And §175-77 is amended by the following

1) In Section A (3), after “environment” that the following language be added:

“, or that the proposed exterior architectural appearance does not generally conforms with the Historical New England character of the town.”

2) In Section B (5) the following subsection be added:

(v) The proposed exterior architectural appearance of the development

3) In Section C (2) the following subsection be added:

(g) Appropriateness of the proposed exterior architectural appearance, specifically that it generally conforms with the Historical New England character of the town.