



# TOWN OF ABINGTON

## PLANNING BOARD

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Agenda  
Abington Planning Board  
March 13, 2023  
9:00 A.M.  
Abington Town Hall

9:00A.M. Call to Order

### Discussion/Action:

Discussion/vote R. English Way – Update  
Vote to endorse letter to Sen. Keenan re: MBTA communities/3A

### Up Coming Meetings:

Town Meeting – April 3, 2023

9:05 A.M. Public Hearing on Proposed Zoning Changes as follows: CONTINUED

1. Amend 175-34 C Excavation of sand and gravel or other earth materials by adding the following 3 sections:  
(12) Topsoil and/or soils with high organic content suitable to support vegetation shall not be removed from the site unless approved through the special permit process.  
  
(13) Topsoil shall be spread across all disturbed areas at a depth sufficient to sustain vigorous vegetation growth upon completion of site disturbance activities.  
  
(14) Where construction activities have compacted soils within vegetated or landscaped areas, measures shall be taken to restore natural soil permeability, such as rototilling of soils.
2. ~~Amend 175-38 D Central Business District, parking requirements by adding the following line to section D: "Shared parking is encouraged for commercial and retail use based on differing peak demands"~~.
3. Amend §175-43 Space Area Requirement by changing dimensions in §1 (a) from 10 x 18 to 9 x 20 and in §1 (b) from 10 feet to 9 feet to 24 feet; adding the following to §1 (a) "spaces for high volume commercial uses may require a 10-foot width for the most heavily-used areas of the parking lot."; §2 (a) from 25 feet to 24 feet; and adding a new §3 "materials" and sub-section "a) When constructing parking spaces, consider the use of pervious materials or surfaces, particularly for low-use parking areas such as overflow, long-term, or minimally used parking areas. minimization of impervious areas and pervious materials shall be considered."
4. Amend 175-50 Visual Relief for Lots to further define required buffer requirements.

5. ~~Amend 175-53 Reduction in parking requirements by adding the following § “D” “D. Areas near major transit stops may be considered for reduced parking requirements, should the applicant demonstrate that lower requirements are appropriate.”~~
6. Amend 175-63 A by adding “Green roofs may be used on commercial, industrial, and similar construction for treatment of rooftop runoff, should appropriate site conditions and construction techniques allow for feasible implementation.” And, ~~by adding a new sub-section B “B. It is recommended that stormwater drainage from impervious surfaces where pollutants are likely, such as parking lots and roadways, be directed to a suitable-sized stormwater treatment device.”~~
7. 175-77 §(B)(5)K is deleted and replaced with the following “(K) The location of all open space including its intended use, all proposed landscaping elements by size and location, and details required by Chapter 175-65.”. §175-65 Vegetation is deleted and replaced with a new 175-65 “Vegetation and Preservation of Tree Canopy”.

Articles that are struck thru are intended to be removed from the warrant articles