

Charlemont Planning Board

Public Alert for Upcoming Meetings for Zoning Amendments

The Charlemont Planning Board encourages residents to get involved this late winter/spring in the various zoning amendments we plan to bring before town meeting.

We have scheduled a series of public meetings in January, February and March to introduce these initiatives and to gather input from residents. Closer to town meeting there will be the final public hearings; after those no changes can be made; so please get involved in the beginning.

Here is a list of zoning amendments and upcoming meetings. They will all be scheduled for the Hawlemont Cafeteria at 7 pm.

- 1) **Creation of a Village Center District.** At the last annual town meeting it was voted that the Planning Board should submit such amendment for this year. The idea is to create different basic zoning requirements that are more appropriate for the Village and encourage economic development.
- 2) **A Medical Marijuana Zoning Bylaw** that would guide the potential establishment of a now legal medical marijuana dispensary in town.
- 3) **A General Earth Removal Bylaw** that would put the creation of new gravel pits under the regulatory oversight of an earth removal committee made up of representatives of the Planning Board, the Board of Health, the Conservation Commission and the Board of Selectmen.
- 4) A positive vote on #3 will require another amendment that takes earth removal out of the present zoning bylaw.

Here is the schedule for the related public meetings:

January: 16th Village Center Zoning Amendment 7 P.M. to 9 P.M.

30th Medical Marijuana and Earth Removal By-Laws 7 P.M. to 9 P.M.

February 27th Village Center District

March: 13th Medical Marijuana and Earth Removal