

HARWICH PLANNING BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Harwich Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, April 8, 2014 in the Griffin Room, 732 Main St., Harwich, MA to consider the following articles for 2014 Annual and / or Special Town Meeting in May. The public hearing will begin at 6:30 PM followed by the public meeting. Any member of public having and interest in these amendments (or applications) is invited to attend and provide information and comment relevant to this matter or may submit the same in writing.

Proposed Zoning By-law Amendments:

Related documents and copies of the complete text (with map) for the proposed amendments are available online from the Planning Department's home page or at the Offices of the Town Planner or Town Clerk located at 732 Main Street and may be viewed during regular department business hours.



ARTICLE 01. ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT - DEFINITION

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Code of the Town of Harwich, Chapter 325 Zoning as forth below and to act fully thereon. By request of the Building Commissioner.

Explanation: The result will be a clarification of the by-law language and Use Regulations.

ARTICLE 02. MEDICAL MARIJUANA FACILITIES

To see if the Town will vote to adopt and incorporate pertinent zoning by-law amendments by enacting local regulations and conditions for the establishment of Medical Marijuana Facilities thus acknowledging the regulations enacted following the approval of the initiative petition of ballot questions #3 at the State Election on November 6, 2013, known as Medical Use of Marijuana and to act fully thereon. By request of the Planning Board.

Summary: The Commonwealth has adopted regulations implementing said law under 105 CMR 725.000 and became effective on January 1, 2013. These regulations are local and complement those state controlled components of the law by ensuring that the environment is strictly controlled to meet the requirements of state law control by Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) and do not supersede any State or local requirements of a more stringent nature nor impact the scope or intent of the by-laws.

ARTICLE 03. FLOODPLAIN REGULATIONS BY-LAW AMENDMENT

To see if the Town will vote to adopt, amend and incorporate certain required floodplain management regulations of Chapter 325: Zoning, Article XVII: Floodplain Regulations, Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) and the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report, which is dated and effective on July 16, 2014, pursuant to §1361 of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended, as a condition of continued eligibility in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and to conform with the Federal Emergency