Mashpee Planning Board

Special Meetings Schedule for June 2021

For those who have been following, and those who are just tuning in, the Mashpee Planning Board will be meeting throughout the month of June specifically to review and refine a proposed zoning amendment designed to facilitate the development of a Community Activity Center Overlay District around and within the area known as Mashpee Commons. The Town of Mashpee has signed on to be a participating member of the region's first three-party development agreement.

The purpose of this release is to communicate to the Mashpee Community exactly where, when and how you can listen in on these discussions and exactly how you can engage with the Planning Board to make your level of support, questions, and any concerns heard. The Mashpee Planning Department is building out a dedicated webpage for the Community to readily access documents of record and communicate important deadlines/milestones relative to the Development Agreement Process. It can be found here: https://www.mashpeema.gov/planning-department/pages/mashpee-commons-development-agreement-information.

Each of these meetings will accommodate participation by the public both in-person (masks required) and via Zoom/remote call-in. The call-in number is 508-539-1400 x. 8585. This number will also be displayed on the posted agendas. Each of these meetings will include a 'Public Comment' period at the beginning of the meeting. The Town and Board hope for widespread public participation. The Chair has requested that the following rules be set in place in consideration of that expectation:

- Each person who attends in person or calls into the meeting will be given two minutes to address questions or comments to the Planning Board.
- The Chair requests that community members refrain from repeating themselves or other's comments.
- Questions brought to the Board will not be responded to immediately for the sake of efficiency.
 The Board and/or staff will work to prepare responses to thoughtful questions and present those responses at subsequent meetings.
- You may always submit comments and questions in writing to the Planning Board by snail mail
 to the Mashpee Planning Board c/o Evan Lehrer, Town Planner, 16 Great Neck Road N,
 Mashpee, MA 02649 or by email to Planner's email. Written comments received will be archived and made part of the record.
- Guidelines for submitting written correspondence can be found at the Planning Board's webpage: https://www.mashpeema.gov/planning-board/pages/guidance-how-submit-comments-planning-board.

June 2, 2021 - 2:00 PM: Mashpee Commons Site Tour for Planning Board

The purpose of this site tour is to allow the Planning Board the opportunity to understand the technicalities of the zoning proposal within the context of the actual proposed Community Activity Center Overlay District. This site tour is not subject to the Open Meeting Law pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 30A Sec. 18 as there will be no deliberations by the public body (Planning Board). The Open Meeting Law expressly excludes on-site inspections/tours from the definition of "meeting". If you are interested in hearing about the site tour, you are encouraged to attend or tune into the 6:00 PM meeting described below to listen to the Board's discussion and deliberation of the site visit. No members of the public will be able to accompany the Board, Town Staff, Cape Cod Commission Staff, or Mashpee Commons representatives on this site tour.

6:00 PM: Mashpee Town Hall, Waquoit Room

This meeting will be called to order shortly after the end of the site tour. This will be the first formal presentation by Mashpee Commons to the Community about the proposed zoning amendment that would be an exhibit to the Development Agreement. Further, the Planning Board will discuss and deliberate regarding the site tour and present their questions to the Mashpee Commons Team.

June 9, 2021 - 4:00-5:45 PM Mashpee Town Hall, Waquoit Room

Due to scheduling limitations this meeting must adjourn by 5:45 PM as the Zoning Board of Appeals is scheduled to meet at 6:00 PM. The Chair encourages written questions and comments for this meeting. Public comment will be taken in person and by phone and will be limited to 20 minutes. The remainder of this meeting will be utilized to continue discussion and deliberation around the proposed zoning amendment.

June 10, 2021 - 6:00 PM Mashpee Town Hall, Waquoit Room

The Planning Board will continue to discuss and deliberate on the proposed zoning amendment. Thoughtful questions submitted in previous meetings will be responded to by the Planning Board, Town Staff, Town Counsel, the Consulting Engineer, or the Mashpee Commons Team if appropriate and allowed by the Chair.

June 16, 2021 - 6:00 PM Mashpee Town Hall, Waquoit Room

At this meeting the Planning Board will continue to work and refine the proposed zoning amendment and unresolved questions will continue to be responded to as previously described.

June 23, 2021 - 4:00 PM-5:45 PM Mashpee Town Hall, Waquoit Room

Due to scheduling limitations this meeting must adjourn by 5:45 PM as the Zoning Board of Appeals is scheduled to meet at 6:00 PM. The Chair encourages written questions and comments for this meeting. Public comment will be taken in person and by phone and will be limited to 20 minutes. The remainder of this meeting will be utilized to continue discussion and deliberation around the proposed zoning amendment

June 30, 2021 - 6:00 PM Mashpee Town Hall, Waquoit Room

At this meeting the Planning Board will make any final revisions to the working zoning document and consider voting to submit the necessary zoning article(s) to the Selectmen for potential inclusion on the October 2021 Town Meeting Warrant.