

PUBLIC NOTICES

Town of Blandford Conservation Commission Public Notice

At its regularly scheduled meeting on **Monday, May 9, 2022 at 6:00 PM** at the Blandford Town Hall, 1 Russel Stage Road, the Blandford Conservation Commission will consider two Requests for Determination of Applicability (RDA) received from the Springfield Water and Sewer Commission (SWSC). The first RDA is related to proposed road maintenance and the installation of a small parking area and kiosk at the Labondard Conservation Area off of North Blandford Road in the Town of Blandford. The second RDA is related to the proposed stockpiling of stone adjacent to SWSC Gate #30 off of Blair Road in the Town of Blandford. The Commission will make its determination in accordance with the provisions of the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. c 131, Sec. 40 (as amended).

Plans and additional information are on record in the Office of the Conservation Commission. Richard Gates, Chair
Town of Blandford Conservation Commission
04/28/2022

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF HUNTINGTON PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Planning Board of the Town of Huntington will hold several Public Hearings on **Tuesday, May 17, 2022 beginning at 7:00 p.m.** in Stanton Hall for amendments to the Huntington Zoning Bylaw.

The first public hearing at **7:00 pm** is to amend the Table of Contents of the Zoning Bylaws and correct spacing errors in the Zoning Bylaws.

The second public hearing at **7:15 pm** is to amend Section IV. Definitions of Section VIII. Adult Use Marijuana of the Zoning Bylaws to include Hemp with Delta 8 THC and additional strains, which currently are not regulated.

The third public hearing at **7:30 pm** is to amend Section V: Special Permits to clarify that approvals are not transferable.

All text changes will be available for review at Town Hall Wednesday, May 11, 2022.

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TOWN OF BLANDFORD PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 40A, Section 5, the Blandford Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing at the Blandford Town Hall, 1 Russell Stage Road, Blandford, MA 01008 at **6:00 PM on May 5, 2022**. The nature of this hearing is to present and discuss proposed zoning bylaw amendments.

Article:

To recodify, and therefore amend, the Zoning By-Law to make the By-Law easier for users to navigate, simplify and update its language, and provide a better structure for predictability and flexibility in both the interests of current use and future adaptability, by:

1. Reorganizing and renumbering portions of the Zoning-Bylaw to enhance accessibility and adaptability, including the Schedule of Uses and Definitions;
2. Introducing new residential, community, retail and services, and accessory uses in the Schedule of Uses;
3. Making amendments such as correcting spelling and typographical errors, and eliminating or updating outdated statutory references;
4. Revising and clarifying permitted uses and criteria for development in the Long Pond Watershed Protection District;
5. Revising and clarifying the usages of trailers in town;
6. Prohibiting the raising of hogs, pigs, or fur-bearing animals on parcels of land with fewer than 5 acres in all zoning districts;
7. Adding new criteria for Site Plan Approval.

and by taking the following actions:

1. Amend Section 4.4 Long Pond Watershed Protection District

a. Amend Section 4.4.2 Intent of District, by clarifying the district boundaries on the Town's Zoning Map and inserting the following language: "The Watershed Protection District is an overlay district and shall be superimposed on the other districts established by this by-law. All regulations of the Town of Blandford Zoning Bylaw applicable to such underlying districts shall remain in effect, except that where the Watershed Protection District imposes additional regulations, such regulations shall prevail."

b. Amend Section 4.4.3 Boundaries of District by inserting the following language: "Where the boundaries delineated are in doubt or in dispute, the burden of proof shall be upon the owner(s) of the land in question to show where they should properly be located. At the request of the owner(s), the Town may engage a professional hydrogeologist to determine more accurately the location and extent of the watershed boundary and may charge the owner(s) for all or part of the cost of the investigation."

c. Amend Section 4.4.4.6(e) by clarifying that all forestry operations be conducted in accordance with Forest Cutting Plans (MGL Chapter 132, Sections 40-46A).

d. Amend Section 4.4.4.6(f) by stating that the Blandford Conservation Commission will determine the removal of selectively cut trees.

e. Amend Section 4.4.4.6(g), where the placement of such, branches and limbs resulting from the cutting and removal operations shall not occur within 100 feet of the bank of a water body.

f. Remove Section 4.4.4.7 Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation as a permitted use in the Long Pond Watershed Protection District.

g. Amend Section 4.4.5.1 where the cutting or removal of trees is prohibited within 100 feet from the bank of all brooks and streams flowing in to Long Pond.

h. Amend Section 4.4.5.3 by adding language to prohibit any new buildings, structures, land-disturbing activities, or excavations for removal of soil, sand, gravel, rocks, minerals, or any other earthen material within the Watershed Protection District

i. Add Sections 4.4.6 Restricted Uses and 4.4.6.1 where the use of sodium chloride for ice control shall be minimized.

2. Amend Section 9.1 Site Plan Review

a. Amend Section 9.1.2, by eliminating reference to now obsolete section of the Zoning Bylaw and replacing "Board of Selectmen" with "Select Board".

b. Amend Section 9.1.4.3, by eliminating reference to now obsolete section of the Zoning Bylaw.

c. Amend Section 9.1.6, by replacing "Board of Selectmen" with "Select Board".

d. Amend Section 9.1.8, Criteria for Review, by removing existing language and replacing with: "The location, size and design, building materials, and operating characteristics of the proposed development shall be compatible with abutting properties, the natural and built environments in the area, and the character of the surrounding area. Consideration will be given to the following:

- a. Harmony in scale, bulk, massing, and density;
- b. Historical, cultural, and architectural features of nearby buildings or a master plan or other planning document, or any plan that has been adopted by the Town."

3. Amend Section 5.3 Trailers

a. Amend Section 5.3.3, by adding that commercial trailer bodies are specifically prohibited in the residential district for parking and permanent storage.

b. Add Section 5.3.6, "A recreational vehicle, including an independent or dependent travel trailer, tent trailer, pickup camper, motor home, converted bus and other equipment, which is eligible to be registered and insured for travel on public ways and is designed to be used as a temporary Dwelling for travel, recreational or vacation purposes, are not to be used as a secondary dwelling unit."

c. Add Section 5.3.7, "Recreational vehicles may not be placed on a vacant parcel that has no current use or structure, as per Section 2.6, without a Special Permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals."

4. Deleting in their entirety the following provisions of the existing Zoning By-Law:

Section XII Schedule of Uses
Section XIII Definitions

5. Replacing the following provisions of the Zoning Bylaw whose proposed changes are on file in the office of the Town Clerk and Planning Board:

Section XII Section Reserved
Section XIII Section Reserved

6. Adding the following provisions to the Zoning By-Law whose proposed changes are on file in the office of the Town Clerk and the Planning Board:

Section XVI Schedule of Uses
Section XVII Definitions

7. And by taking any action related thereto

Any person interested or wishing to be heard should appear at the time and place designated. If unable to attend please submit comments, in writing, to the Blandford Planning Board at 1 Russell Stage Road, Blandford, MA 01008. Failure to make recommendations on the matter for review shall be deemed lack of opposition thereto. A copy of the proposed articles is available for review at the Blandford Post Office and Town Hall.

Michael Hutchins, Chair
Blandford Planning Board

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The other is a **Paid Obituary**, costing \$100, which allows families to publish extended death notice information of their own choice and may include a photograph. **Death Notices & Paid Obituaries** should be submitted through a funeral home to: obits@turley.com.

Exceptions will be made only when the family provides a death certificate and must be pre-paid.

A Celebration of Life for

BOB FURIONI

will be held on

Sunday, May 8th
1:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. at

Strathmore Park
950 Westfield Road
Russell, MA

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Registry of Motor Vehicles announcement

BOSTON — The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) is informing Class D learner's permit holders applying for a Massachusetts issued driver's license that all applicants will be required to supply their own vehicle for road testing beginning on Monday, May 2.

Due to the pandemic and health and safety protocols, since June of 2020, the RMV deployed a fleet of Commonwealth-owned vehicles for road tests which were cleaned and sanitized on a regular basis. The use of these Commonwealth-owned vehicles will end on April 29, . Applicants for a Class M, or Motorcycle license, supply their own motorcycle for testing. Applicants scheduled for testing through a driving school should confirm they have access to the school's vehicle for their road test.

"Vehicles on loan from our MassDOT Highway Division partners and other Commonwealth agencies' vehicles allowed us to continue road testing and licensing in a safe and healthy manner during the State of Emergency and continued COVID-19 restrictions," said Registrar of Motor Vehicles Colleen Ogilvie. "As we prepare for the transition back to private cars, we want applicants to be aware of our requirements and to be prepared to arrive sufficiently skilled behind the wheel to pass the road test on their first try."

Applicants must bring a physical copy of their learner's permit, a printed and completed copy of the Road Test Application and be accompanied by a qualified sponsor. A sponsor is a person who is a licensed driver over the age of 21 with at least one year of experience driving. Should it be required, the sponsor will be responsible for operating the vehicle if at any point the road test examiner determines the applicant cannot continue testing.

In addition to meeting the application and sponsor qualifications, the applicant must make sure the vehicle brought for testing meets all functional and safety requirements. Some practices adopted during the pan-

demic will continue -- license applicants will be asked to keep open windows for ventilation. The use of face coverings is strongly encouraged, but not required, for all vehicle occupants during the road test.

Private passenger vehicles used for a Class D road test must meet the following requirements, (including vehicles with an ignition interlock device, and vehicles with adaptive equipment for a competency test): Be in good working condition and be able to pass a safety check, have a valid registration and current inspection sticker, contain adequate seating accommodations next to the operator for the use of the examiner and have a rear seat for the sponsor, Be designed to let the examiner make an emergency stop using the parking brake. If not, the vehicle cannot be used for the road test.

Any vehicle with a center console that does not have a parking brake as part of the console cannot be used. Any vehicle that does not allow the examiner unobstructed access to the parking brake cannot be used.

Customers are advised that if the road test examiner identifies any of the following conditions, the road test will not go forward and rescheduling will be the responsibility of the applicant:

Road test examiner identifies the applicant and/or sponsor is displaying signs of alcohol or substance impairment. Road test examiner identifies an odor of cannabis or alcohol emanating from the applicant and/or sponsor; including from their clothing or from inside the vehicle to be used for the road test. Road test examiner observes present minor children, including babies in car seats, or animals, other than trained service animals, which cannot be unsupervised at the Service Center during the test.

The RMV has a new webpage to help applicants locate all information related to their road test, www.Mass.Gov/RoadTest. The page includes information on what to expect, videos to help prepare for the road test, links to checklists and applications to increase an applicant's chance of passing their exam.