

Montague Planning Board

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Certificate of Vote And Recommendation to Town Meeting Planning Board Petition to Repeal and Replace Official Zoning Map and Bylaws

I, Ronald Sicard, chairman of the Montague Planning Board do hereby state that a duly convened meeting of the Planning Board of the Town of Montague which was held January 15 ,2019 at 6:30 PM at the Montague Town Hall with the following members present:

Ronald Sicard, Chairman
Frederic Bowman
George Cooke
Robert Obear
Elizabeth Irving

Being represented by a quorum of the Montague Planning Board, with Ronald Sicard presiding:

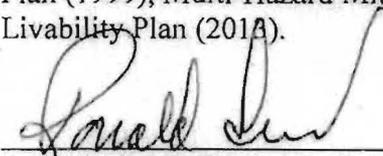
Upon motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously voted that:

The Montague Planning Board recommend that Town Meeting vote in favor of repealing the existing zoning bylaws and map and replacing them with new official zoning bylaws and map dated January 10, 2019.

The decision came following a duly posted public hearing held on November 27, 2018 and continued to and closed on December 18, 2018.

The Board made the following findings in support of their decision:

- The current bylaws have been incrementally amended since adoption in 1973. As a result, the current bylaws and map are partially outdated and not entirely consistent with the Massachusetts Zoning Act MGL Ch40A, as well as some established planning principles. The Board agrees with town officials that the current bylaws are poorly organized and difficult to administer and that the proposed bylaws and map will address these issues.
- The proposed bylaws and map are intended to advance the goals and objectives identified by the community through its various planning processes including the Open Space and Recreation Plan (2017), Housing Plan (2015), Comprehensive Plan (1999), Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan (2014), and the Turners Falls Livability Plan (2018).


Ronald Sicard, Chairman of the Planning Board

1/16/19
Date