



PLANNING BOARD
TOWN OF LONGMEADOW
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December 3, 2020

Dear Ms. Townsend:

The Longmeadow Planning Board, at its December 2, 2020 Public Hearing to hear public comment on proposed Zoning By-law changes also known as Fall Special Town Meeting (STM) Articles 18 – 21, voted to continue the Public Hearing to January 6, 2021. The vote was unanimous (5-0).

MGL Part I, Title VII, Chapter 40A, Sec. 5 states that no vote to adopt any such proposed ordinance or by-law or amendment thereto shall be taken until a report with recommendations by a planning board has been submitted to the town meeting ~~or city council~~, or twenty-one days after said hearing has elapsed without submission of such report. After such notice, hearing and report, or after twenty-one days shall have elapsed after such hearing without submission of such report, ~~a city council or~~ town meeting may adopt, reject, or amend and adopt any such proposed ordinance or by-law. ~~If a city council fails to vote to adopt any proposed ordinance within ninety days after the city council hearing or if a town meeting fails to vote to adopt any proposed by-law within six months after the planning board hearing, no action shall be taken thereon until after a subsequent public hearing is held with notice and report as provided.~~

As a result of there being no public hearing, the Planning Board is unable to deliver a report with recommendations to the Special Town Meeting scheduled for December 9, 2020.

Additionally, the Citizen Petition regarding solar panels, as of December 6, 2020 will require a new public hearing, as the Town's legislative body has not acted on this petition within 6 months of the Planning Board Hearing held on June 6, 2020. Again, you can refer to Chap40A, Sec 5 above for guidance.

For the Planning Board,


Walter T. Gunn
Clerk