

2015-2
**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF BARRINGTON
ADOPTING A NEW CHAPTER38**

WHEREAS, the Rhode Island Comprehensive Planning and Land Use Act, Title 45, Chapter 22.2-2 requires that all Rhode Island communities adopt a Comprehensive Plan to be in conformance with the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board ("Board"), together with the Office of the Town Planner, worked for more than a year to develop the 2015 Comprehensive Community Plan, and the Board formed subcommittees to focus on specific elements, to meet with stakeholders and to draft initial recommendations forwarded to the full board; and

WHEREAS, as the Board continued to refine the Plan, drafts were made available on the Town website and at Town Hall and the Library; and

WHEREAS, in September 2014, the Planning Board held community workshops at sites throughout town: at Hampden Meadows School, Atria Bay Spring Assisted Living and Nayatt School, and everyone in Town was invited to attend, with postcard invitations mailed to every single address in Barrington; and

WHEREAS, in order to complete the final plan, the Board factored in input from the public as well as comments from the State and local departments, boards and commissions; and

WHEREAS, the Barrington Planning Board and the Barrington Town Council jointly held the necessary public hearing on March 25, 2015, following the required advertising in the Barrington Times, a paper of general circulation in the Town of Barrington, on March 4, 11, and 18, 2015; and

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2015, the Planning Board VOTED to forward the Plan, as amended, to the Town Council with a recommendation for Town Council adoption; and

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2015, the Town Council VOTED to adopt the Plans amended;

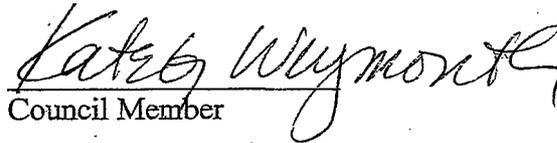
NOW THEREFORE, THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BARRINGTON HEREBY ORDAINS that the Code of Ordinances, of the Town of Barrington, Rhode Island, is hereby amended by adding a new Chapter 38 entitled "Comprehensive Plan" and a new Section 38-1 therein entitled "Comprehensive Plan Incorporated by Reference" as follows:

CHAPTER 38: COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Section 38-1: Comprehensive Plan Incorporated by Reference.

- (a) The Comprehensive Plan of the Town of Barrington as duly adopted and updated from time to time, and *as* most recently updated and adopted on March 25, 2015, is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.
- (b) The Comprehensive Plan shall take effect for the purpose of conforming municipal land use decisions and for the purpose of being transmitted to the Rhode Island Director of Administration for State review *as* of the date of adoption by the Town Council.
- (c) The Comprehensive Plan shall not become effective for the purposes of guiding State agency actions until it is approved by the state of Rhode Island pursuant to Chapter 45:22.2 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, a/k/a the Rhode Island Comprehensive Planning and Land Use Act.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage, except that the Comprehensive Plan shall not become effective for the purposes of guiding State agency actions until it is approved by the state of Rhode Island pursuant to Chapter 45-22.2 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, a/k/a the Rhode Island Comprehensive Planning and Land Use Act.


Council Member

Filed: March 31, 2015
Introduced: April 6, 2015
Amended: _____
Adopted: _____