



BAY SPRING Ave.

Join Your Neighbors for a *Block Walk* and *Public Discussion*

When: Saturday, April 29

Where: Meet at the corner of *Bay Spring Avenue and Washington Road* for the Block Walk. The Public Discussion will take place at the *Bay Spring Community Center* – 170 Narragansett Avenue.

Parking: You may park on the street at *Sweetbriar*, where permitted, or the rear parking lot at *60 Bay Spring Avenue*.

Time: 1:45 PM – Block Walk 2:30 – 4:00 PM – Public Discussion

Why?: Read on!

What's Going On?

The Town of Barrington is exploring options for amending zoning along the Bay Spring Avenue corridor. Our Comprehensive Plan calls for action: *“Further study is needed regarding . . . the potential to allow for a mix of small-scale, neighborhood-oriented uses and different types of housing in Bay Spring.”*

The Town would like the corridor’s zoning to better reflect the neighborhood’s vision for the future, including both things that should stay the same and things that may change.

Why Does It Matter To Me?

This is YOUR neighborhood. While the Town has an idea of the needs and wants of Bay Spring residents, it needs to hear from you and your neighbors about your specific hopes for the future.

What services and businesses would you like to see along Bay Spring, and where?

How can the Town make it easier to get around the corridor on foot, on bicycle, and in vehicles?

How can we improve the natural environment around Bay Spring and mitigate flooding?

These are just some of the questions the Town would like to explore with you.

What Exactly is the Town Doing?

The first phase of this project will gather your thoughts on the entire corridor, but will emphasize what sorts of uses should be allowed in the neighborhood business (NB) zoning district. The second phase will look at the corridor more broadly, and make recommendations for more flexible zoning to achieve the mix of uses desired by the Town and residents while reducing the number of non-conforming uses and lots. **In short, the Town wants to make it easier for the things we all want to see in the corridor actually happen.**

Who is leading the charge?

This project was initiated by the **Town's Planning Board**, with input and assistance from local residents. The Town has hired the **Horsley Witten Group**, a consulting team based in Providence, to assist with research, community outreach, and the redrafting of the zoning ordinance.

What can I expect at the Block Walk and Public Discussion?

First, join the project team on a walk down Bay Spring Avenue. This is your chance to point out specific spots you love or would want to see improved or changed. Then join your neighbors at the Bay Spring Community Center to discuss what you want the Bay Spring corridor to be like in the future. Feel free to attend either or both as your time allows.



Come with your ideas and your questions. The Town may not have all the answers, but you can help identify what more the Town needs to research.



Where do I get more information?

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Or visit the project webpage at: <http://www.bayspringave.com>

