

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

THE PLANNING BOARD'S ANNUAL TOWN MEETING REQUEST TO CONTRACT SPECIALIZED CONSULTING SERVICES ~ A CLARIFICATION

Dear Bedford Citizen,

I would like to make an important correction in your otherwise excellent February 10th article "Planning Board Supports Proposed Zoning Bylaw Amendment for Limited Business Areas".

The last sentence of the article states that "the Board will present an article at Town Meeting to hire a consultant to study the business zoning along the Great Road corridor from Shawsheen Avenue to the North Road/Carlisle Road intersection."

This is not quite accurate: the Planning Board is asking for an appropriation to contract specialized consulting services to analyze, write and bring to Town Meeting **an entire "soup to nuts" package of new business zoning** for the voters' consideration.

In other words, this appropriation is not for a study that would sit on a shelf, but for a complete process with a tangible product at the end.

Needless to say, a robust public participation process will inform every stage of the effort. In the coming weeks, the Board will submit more detailed information about why this initiative is significant both to Bedford's future economic health and the preservation of its unique character.

Thank you for the opportunity to clarify this important issue.

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