

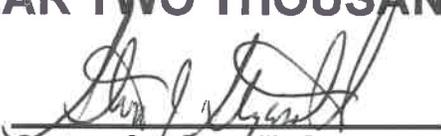


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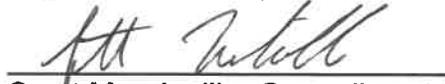
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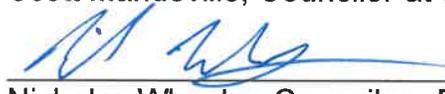
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**BILL No.** 2021-042

**An Ordinance to amend Amesbury Zoning Bylaws (2014 as amended) to change three sections to insert and include “Open Space, Natural Resources and Trails Committee” (aka OSNRT Committee) as part of the circulation to departments and other boards to improve the process by which care and custody of open spaces is conveyed.**

**Summary:**

An Ordinance to amend the following sections of the Amesbury Zoning Bylaws

- Section XI, C, 4, c.4 (Circulation to Town Departments and other Boards)
- Section XI.D.3.b.e (Cluster Residential)
- Section XI.E.3.e (Planned Unit Development)

*Whereas open space parcels may be created when residential developments are proposed, and*

*Whereas current Zoning Bylaw provides the option to a developer to offer open space parcels for public use, and*

*Whereas the Planning Board evaluates during its hearing process the use to the public and the way such a parcel may be used in conjunction with adjoining properties, and*

*Whereas the Planning Board may deem it suitable to take such parcels for open space, and*

*Whereas there is no city department or board at present that is able to provide meaningful recommendations during the public hearing process on the acceptance and management of such open spaces in the context of an integrated open space use plan, and*

*Whereas this amendment will provide the Open Space Natural Resources and Trails Committee with the opportunity to provide non-binding recommendations on proposed open spaces and how these may be integrated with the uses from surrounding properties, and*

*Whereas at present there may be a gap in communication during completed project approval and during open space land transition from developer to City, between the Planning Board and ConCom regarding the conveyance of care and custody of open spaces as part of cluster residential development and planned unit developments, and*

*Whereas this change will allow the Open Space Natural Resources and Trails Committee in its advisory role to provide input on the integration of proposed space with the prevailing open space use plan during the final conveyance of any parcels, property or open spaces from a developer to the ownership of the City and ultimate care and custody of the Conservation Commission, and*

*Whereas increased awareness on the part of Open Space Natural Resources and Trails Committee on new open space parcels will assist the OSNRT in maintaining accurate database records of existing open space parcels in the community, and*

*Whereas there is a compelling public policy benefit to improve the quality of life of current and future residents through proper planning for open spaces, so therefore*

**Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Amesbury assembled and by the authority of the same, as follows:**

**That the City of Amesbury shall amend the Amesbury Zoning Bylaw as follows:**

*(Note: revised language will appear as follows with changes in italics)*

**Section XI, C, 4, c.4 (Circulation to Town Departments and other Boards)**

Within seven (7) days of receipt of a complete application, the Board shall transmit a copy to the Design Review Committee, Engineering Department, Board of Health, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer, Fire Department, Police Department, Conservation Commission, Town Planner, *Open Space Natural Resources and Trails Committee*, and Town Clerk for comments.

**Section XI.D.3.b.e (Cluster Residential)**

**Review of Other Boards and Agencies:** Upon receipt of the application and related plans/analysis, the Board shall within ten (10) days transmit one (1) copy each to the Board of Health, Conservation Commission, City Engineer, Community Development Office, *Open Space Natural Resources and Trails Committee*, and Fire Department. These boards and agencies shall review said plans and provide recommendations to the Planning Board within thirty-five (35) days.

**Section XI.E.3.e (Planned Unit Development)**

**e. Review of Other Boards and Agencies:** Upon receipt of the application and related plans/analyses, the Board shall within ten (10) days transmit one (1) copy each to the Design Review Committee, City Planner, Utilities Director, Department of Public Works, Building Inspector, Board of Health, Conservation Commission, *Open Space Natural Resources and Trails Committee*, Fire Department, City Engineer, and Building Inspector. These boards and agencies shall review said plans and provide recommendations to the Board within 35 days.