

WESTPORT PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Pursuant to the provisions of MGL Ch. 40A § 5 and Article 2.1 of the Westport Zoning By-laws, the Westport Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall Annex, 856 Main Road Westport. The purpose of the hearing is to accept public comments on the below proposed amendments to the Town of Westport Zoning By-laws. The proposed amendments would permit and regulate the operation of bed and breakfasts and short-term rentals.

Item 1. Add to SECTION 3 DEFINITIONS a definition for short-term rental.

Item 2. Amend Section 5.1, TABLE OF USE REGULATIONS to allow bed and breakfasts and short-term rentals as allowed by-right in the residential/agricultural, business, and unrestricted districts.

Item 3. Amend Section 8.3, PARKING REGULATIONS to require that short-term rentals include a minimum of 1 parking space per guest room on the premises in a location for normal residential use.

Item 4. Amend Section 9.8, BED & BREAKFAST: to read as "BED & BREAKFAST AND SHORT-TERM RENTAL" and to create a new Westport Zoning Bylaw regulating both short-term rental and bed and breakfast operations and requiring permitting and registration with the Westport Board of Health.

A detailed copy of the proposed Zoning By-Laws are on file in the Town Clerk's office, Town Hall, 816 Main Road and Planning Board office at the Town Hall Annex, 856 Main Road and may be inspected during regular business hours or on our website at <https://www.westport-ma.com/short-term-rental-committee>.

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Chairman, Westport Planning Board
January 4, 2024