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BOXBOROUGH TO BRIEF ALL ON MBTA ZONING REQUIREMENT

The Boxborough Town Planner, Simon Corson, will brief a joint Meeting of the Select Board and Planning Board, via Zoom, on Monday, March 14, 2022 at 7 p.m. on the so-called MBTA Zoning which must be adopted by December 31, 2024. Town residents, business owners, and all other interested parties are encouraged to attend.

A presentation on the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) DRAFT Guidelines that require Boxborough to zone a district with multi-family housing as of right. Enacted as part of the Economic Bond Bill (House No. 5250) in January 2021, Section 3A of the M.G.L. c. 40A (the Zoning Act) requires that an MBTA community, such as Boxborough, shall have **at least one zoning district of reasonable size in which multi-family housing is permitted as of right with the minimum gross density of 15 units per acre, contains no age restrictions, and is suitable for families with children.**

Boxborough is considered an adjacent MBTA community because the Fitchburg-Boston commuter train travels through the northeast portion of Town. Boxborough must allow for at least 750 units (50 acres x 15 units/acre). Given that Boxborough has no land area within 0.5 mile of a transit station, the multi-family district should be located in an area with reasonable access to a transit station. Failure to create such a district would bar Boxborough from participation in the Housing Choice Initiative, MassWorks Infrastructure Program, and other grant opportunities. For more information about these DRAFT Guidelines, please visit DHCD's informational webpage.