

## **ARTICLE 49                    ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT – LANGUAGE CLEANUP**

(Two-thirds Vote Required)

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Boxborough Zoning Bylaw Article I through Article IX by adopting the various corrections and non-substantive amendment of the existing Boxborough Zoning Bylaw as shown in a 2 page document entitled “Proposed Zoning Bylaw Corrections,” on file at the Town Clerk’s office, Town Planner’s office, and viewable on the Town of Boxborough’s Website at: [www.boxborough-ma.gov](http://www.boxborough-ma.gov) or take any other action relative thereto.

### ***Summary:***

*The purpose of the article is to correct mislabeled footnotes, make grammatical corrections, and clean up misdirecting sections that no longer correlate. Changes will include:*

- *Renumbering portions of the Zoning Bylaw to correct inaccurate citations;*
- *Editing sentence structure, word choice, and paragraph formatting throughout, for clarity;*
- *Providing consistency with present State law;*
- *Eliminating redundant or unnecessary provisions; making amendments such as correcting spelling and typographical errors, and eliminating or updating outdated statutory references, and;*

**The Planning Board recommends (5-0-0).** The Planning Board recommends this article unanimously. The Zoning Bylaw is a “living document” which may be periodically updated and amended as voted by Town Meeting. To maintain coherent and clear language in the Zoning Bylaw, the Town must regularly “clean-up” outdated or inaccurate language or references. Through passage of this article, the Town will make the necessary corrections to ensure the accuracy of the Zoning Bylaw language and citations. The Planning Board encourages voters to support this article.

**The Finance Committee recommends (6-0-0).** Finance committee recommends for the reasons listed above.

**No tax impacts.**

**The Select Board does not comment on articles proposed by other elected boards.**