

REQUEST TO BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA**TIVERTON TOWN COUNCIL****1. Name of Department, Organization or Person:**

Councilor Donna J Cook

2. Subject of Agenda Request:

Discussion and possible vote by the council on the following: Should the council in the towns interest, approve an independent traffic study of the impact to the town due to 4 major land developments on Main Rd, Souza Rd and Fish Rd?

3. Explain the Nature of The Request:

Developers have their own independent study but no global study has been done by the town regarding the cluster of developments in this one area regarding traffic.

Has the town heard from RIDOT?

Impact on quality of life, does it follow the Comprehensive Plan and ordinance Article XX. Development Plan Review?

Need RFP to hire traffic engineering firm, use ARPA or TC contingency fund to pay for this.

SIGNATURE: Councilor Donna J Cook **DATE:** 6/20/22

Please Note: Unless otherwise instructed, this request will be a public document. A copy of this request will be given to each Councilor prior to the meeting and, if applicable, to any appropriate department, board, commission, and/or officer.

Agenda items must be submitted to the Town Clerk's office before 3:00 p.m. on Monday prior to the meeting date.

ARTICLE XX. DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW

Section 1. Statutory authority and purpose.

Development plan review, a process by which the town planning board and its technical review committee reviews the development, site and architectural plans of certain industrial, commercial or multi-unit residential projects is enacted pursuant to the provision of RIGL 45-24-49. It is designed to achieve the purposes set forth in article 1, section 2, provide for a cooperative and collaborative design process between the developer/applicant and the town, and to ensure the following:

- a. New industrial, commercial and major residential development, as defined in section 3 herein, having a high quality site design, safe and convenient pedestrian and vehicular traffic circulation, and appropriate signage, landscaping and lighting;
- b. Mitigation of potential development impacts of new industrial commercial and major residential development, specifically related to stormwater runoff and soil erosion and sedimentation;
- c. New commercial and industrial development having architectural design and building location that is aesthetically pleasing, promotes walkability, enhances the public realm, is compatible with the character of adjacent areas and complements the town landscape; and
- d. Protection of the historic character of Tiverton Four Corners and other areas of town where appropriate.

(Ord. of 6-4-01(11); Ord. of 3-22-04; Ord. of 10-10-06(2); Ord. of 11-23-09)

APPENDIX A

TOOLS OF PLANNING

The Planning Board has either direct control or a strong advisory position over the use of several key planning tools. When these tools are properly used, the Planning Board shall be in a position to achieve sound and orderly development within the community.

Advisory to the Town Council

Zoning changes shall be referred from the Town Council for review by the Planning Board, or the Planning Board may initiate a zoning change request. The requested new or revised zoning ordinance shall be posted on the Planning Board agenda per RI Open Meetings Act. The Solicitor shall participate in the discussion and provide necessary assistance and language in drafting a new or revised ordinance. A non-binding advisory recommendation shall be approved by a majority vote of Planning Board members.

The Planning Board's zoning recommendation shall be submitted in writing to the Town Council by the Chairperson. The Town Council shall conduct a properly noticed public hearing and make the final determination by a majority vote of the full membership.

The Comprehensive Community Plan

The provision for comprehensive planning has been delegated to the thirty-nine (39) communities within the State. Under this provision the town may prepare a plan itself or may designate a special board consisting of one or more members of the Planning Board and such other members as are appointed by the Town Council to prepare a proposed plan and/or amendments.

The Comprehensive Community Plan is now defined as a set of materials (text, graphs, maps, studies, resolutions) that identify the goals, objectives, guidelines, policies, standards, devices and instruments for the immediate and long-range protection, enhancement, growth and orderly development of the town.

The proposed new plan shall then be referred to the Planning Board for review and recommendations and a public hearing shall be held before submitting it to Statewide Planning for initial review and comments.

The revised plan shall be reviewed by the Planning Board and Town Council at a properly noticed public hearing prior to final submission to Statewide Planning and adoption.

Following the Statewide Planning approval of the Comprehensive Community Plan the Planning Board shall assist in the revisions of the Zoning Code to bring it into conformity with the newly adopted Plan. If it is determined an outside consultant is required to assist with the zoning revisions the Town Council will be informed in writing so that funds may be allocated.

Community Development Block Grant Funding

The Town is eligible to receive funds annually under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1979. The Act's primary objective is development of viable urban communities through the provision of decent housing, suitable living environments, and expansion of economic activities. The Planning Board shall play an important role in identifying areas to which community development funds should be directed, as well as assist in preparing housing and community development plans that are required as part of the application process.

The Planning Board Chairperson shall sign the letter of the recommendations submitted for consideration.