



TOWN OF NORTH READING
Massachusetts

Community Planning

August 24, 2021

Dear Resident:

As you may know, the Town of North Reading owns 23 properties which encompass the Affordable Housing Overlay District (AHOD). This zoning district is a group of properties scattered throughout the Town. It is intended for smaller to moderate-scale affordable housing development. The AHOD was approved as a zoning bylaw and map amendment by Town Meeting in 2008, and the 23 properties were designated in the Town's 2018 Housing Production Plan as priorities for development; however, all of the parcels in the district remain undeveloped.

In order to further the Town's efforts to create new affordable housing opportunities, the Community Planning Commission (CPC) is sponsoring a warrant article at the October 4, 2021 Town Meeting to convey four of the properties within the AHOD: **44 and 46 Oakdale Road; 57 Haverhill Street; and 7 Saint Theresa Street**. The intent of the article is to allow the Town to convey these properties to a developer of affordable housing so that they can be developed in accordance with the Affordable Housing Overlay District Zoning Bylaw, Article XXI. (The full text of the bylaw can be found here: <https://ecode360.com/10971728>.) A brief overview of the parcels proposed for conveyance is attached.

As an abutter to one of these properties, the CPC invites you to attend a virtual information session on Thursday, September 16 at 7:00 PM. To access the meeting, please visit: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9854300926>, or call +1 301 715 8592, meeting ID: 985 430 0926. At this session, we will give an overview of the properties, explain the warrant article as it has been submitted for the October meeting, and review the process to identify a developer.

If you have questions about the meeting or the warrant articles, I can be reached in the Planning Department at (978) 357-5206 or dmcknight@northreadingma.gov.

Sincerely,

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