

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw of the Town of North Reading, Massachusetts by adding a new Section 200-46. A Small Wireless Facilities as follows in italics, or take any action relative thereto.

§ 200-46.A Small Wireless Facilities

A. Purpose and Intent

The purpose and intent of this bylaw section is to permit regulation of the installation of Small Wireless Facilities outside of rights-of-way so as to so as to preserve the aesthetic character of the Town; to safeguard public safety, health and welfare; and to protect against intangible public harm resulting from unsightly or out-of-character deployments.

B. Definition

“Small Wireless Facility” – a Small Wireless Facility as defined in 47 CFR §1.6002. For purposes of this Zoning Bylaw, a Small Wireless Facility is not considered a Personal Wireless Service Facility subject to regulation under §200-46.

C. Small Wireless Facilities Located Outside Public Rights of Way

- (1) Small Wireless Facilities may be located on any Lot subject to the requirements of this Section 200-46.A.*
- (2) No Small Wireless Facility shall be placed, installed, constructed or modified without first obtaining site plan approval pursuant to this Section from the Community Planning Commission. Article XVII of the Zoning Bylaw shall not apply to site plan applications for Small Wireless Facilities.*
- (2) A site plan approval issued by the Community Planning Commission shall require an affirmative vote of 3/5.*
- (3) The Community Planning Commission shall adopt and may, from time to time amend policies, rules and regulations relative to site plan approval under this Section. A copy of the policies, rules and regulations shall be kept on file with the Town Clerk and may apply to and set forth the following:*
 - (a) The application process, including public hearing requirements, evaluation criteria and timing for action by the Community Planning Commission;*
 - (b) The form and contents of the application and application fee;*
 - (c) Applicable design, siting and aesthetic criteria and*
 - (d) Requirements for modification, abandonment and annual recertification.*

Sponsor: Community Planning Commission

Summary: The article would establish a modified Site Plan Review procedure for the Community Planning Commission to review Small Wireless Facility installations outside of public ways (such as on private property) for consistency with the Town's Small Wireless Facilities Siting and Aesthetics Policy.