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### **Town of Stonington Announces Virtual Public Presentation of Proposed Zoning Updates**

Stonington, CT 7/11/23 — The Town of Stonington is pleased to announce a virtual public presentation of proposed zoning amendments, scheduled to be held on Wednesday, July 26th, 2023, at 7:00 pm. This event will inform the public of proposed updates to the Town's zoning regulations conducted by the Town's Planning & Zoning Commission in recent months.

The virtual presentation offers an opportunity for residents and stakeholders to learn about the proposed zoning updates and voice their opinions. The Commission has been diligently working on these updates with the goal of improving the Town's zoning framework, addressing current challenges, and accommodating the evolving needs of the community. The update of the regulations is currently in the first phase. This phase is aimed at correcting inconsistencies in the regulations, complying with recent statutory changes, and improving the useability of the regulations by reformatting the document. A second phase, which will begin this fall, will explore potential changes to allowed uses, permit requirements, sign and parking regulations, and specific zoning district regulations. Public workshops will be conducted in support of that phase of the work.

By hosting this virtual event, the Town of Stonington seeks to ensure accessibility and inclusivity for all residents, allowing them to participate in the discussion from the comfort of their own homes. A separate in-person presentation will also be conducted on Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 7:00 pm at the Board of Education Building. Both presentations will cover the same material.

During the presentation, representatives from the Town Planning & Zoning Commission and the Town's zoning consultant, FHI Studio, will provide an overview of the proposed zoning updates, the update process, the reason for those updates, and will highlight key changes to the regulations. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions, share concerns, and offer suggestions related to the updates. A public hearing for adoption of the updates has not yet been scheduled but is anticipated to be held in September of 2023.

To attend the virtual public presentation on Wednesday, July 26th, at 7:00 pm, residents can access the meeting through the Town of Stonington's official website at [www.stonington-ct.gov](http://www.stonington-ct.gov) or at the following link: <https://bit.ly/3rpftAb>.

For additional information about the proposed zoning amendments or the virtual public presentation, please contact Clifton Iler, Town Planner at [ciler@stonington-ct.gov](mailto:ciler@stonington-ct.gov).

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