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**Zoning Advisory Group (ZAG)**

**Meeting Agenda**

**April 4, 2024**

- 1. Project Schedule Review & Update (Andy) (5 mins)**
- 2. Recap from Last Meeting (Andy) (5 mins)**
  - a. Criteria established (*review list*)
  - b. Districts identified for modeling (*review sketch maps*)  
(*primary district mapping options/areas vs. "variations on a theme" – i.e. adding or removing a parcel*)
- 3. Update on Unit Capacity Calculations (Ian) (10 mins)**
  - a. "Compliance Model" framework and factors to be mindful of
  - b. Requirements for district mapping and method of calculations (*e.g. excluded areas, use of whole parcels, district contiguity*)
  - c. Newburyport focus remains on total Unit Capacity
  - d. Clarifications/corrections required from EOHLC (*e.g. maximum building footprints, Hines Way mapping error – excluded land and differing parcel lines*)
  - e. Review updated Unit Capacity calculations for various options outside existing 40R District
- 4. Updates from Council P&D and Planning Board Meetings (Andy/Rick) (10 mins)**
- 5. Confirm Districts for MBTA Compliance (30 mins)**
  - a. Review Maps with revised Unit Capacity numbers (Andy/Ian)
  - b. Review of District options against Criteria from ZAG (Group Discussion)
- 6. Existing Smart Growth District (Rick/Andy) (25 mins)**
  - a. As-of-Right Uses (*Group Discussion*)
  - b. Dimensional & Intensity Standards
  - c. Off-Street Parking Standards
- 7. Next Steps (Andy) (5 mins)**
  - a. MVPC to update/finalize compliance analysis on preferred option(s).
  - b. Next meeting: 4/18/2028 (*before then: 4/8 CC, 4/16 P&D/COTW, 4/17 PB*)
    - i. Finalize preferred MBTA District Mapping**  
(*confirm related details > CC update/review > application for state approval*)
    - ii. Update on schedule for Storey Ave/Low Street study (*visioning > zoning changes*)
    - iii. Discussion regarding Uses at Storey Ave/Low Street area
    - iv. Identify related concerns and/or preferences for the future of this area (*scale/massing, parking, walkability, etc.*)