



# Town of Bristol, Rhode Island

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TO: Planning Board

FROM: Diane M. Williamson, Director

RE: **Draft Revised Permitted Use Table - Special Use Permit Uses**

*Diane W.*

As you are aware, the new Land Use Laws adopted by State require that the Zoning Ordinance provide for specific and objective criteria for the issuance of each category of special use permit. If the ordinance does not expressly provide for specific and objective criteria for the issuance of a category of special use permit such category shall be deemed to be a permitted use.

The Permitted Use Table in the Zoning Ordinance contains many uses that are allowed by a Special Use Permit without any criteria. Therefore, we need to make revisions to this table to either make the uses permitted, not permitted, or with specific criteria standards.

Enclosed is a draft revised Permitted Use Table which includes proposed amendments to start to address the new State Law. Standards still need to be drafted for some of the uses that are recommended to have the specific criteria.

A Zoning Map is also provided so you can review the locations of the various zoning districts throughout Town. Since many of the uses are defined uses in the Ordinance, a copy of the definitions from the Zoning Ordinance is also provided to help you review the proposed amendments.

We will be reviewing this at the October Planning Board meeting.