

DOINGS AT THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF SOUTHWICK
May 20, 2025

ARTICLE 26. The Town of Southwick voted to amend Chapter 185, §37 of the Code of the Town of Southwick by deleting the following strike-through language and adding the following bolded and underlined language, and further that non-substantive changes to the lettering and numbering of the Bylaw be authorized in order to make it consistent with the numbering format as sequencing of the code of the Town of Southwick:

§ 185-37. Site plan review.

- A. No building permit shall be issued for any new structure except single-family residences and **non-residential** accessory buildings, agricultural buildings, storage sheds, porches, awnings, pools for single-family use, partitions and similar structures, without first submitting a plan of the proposed work to the Planning Board for site plan review. **Any by-right Accessory Dwelling Unit, whether constructed within an existing structure or a new structure, shall be submitted for Site Plan Review as required in Chapter 185, Section [23.3] Accessory Dwelling Units.**
- B. The contents of the site plan shall be the same as those required for site plan approval for the respective zone in which the work shall be done. Business Zone B site plan contents shall conform to Business Restricted Zone BR site plan requirements. Industrial Zone I site plan contents shall conform to Industrial Restricted Zone IR site plan requirements. Residence Zones R-40 and R-20 and Agriculture and Conservation District AC site plan requirements shall conform to Business Restricted Zone BR site plan requirements.
- C. If the Planning Board finds that the use, structures and site improvements are in conformity with the Zoning Bylaws, the site plan will receive the recommendation of the Planning Board.
- D. If the Planning Board finds that the use, structures and site improvements are not in conformity with the Zoning Bylaws, or if the use, structures or site improvements will be detrimental to the community, the ~~Planning Board~~**Applicant** shall modify the plan accordingly **and return to the Planning Board to obtain approval of the modifications.**
- E. **Once approved by the Planning Board,** ~~The~~ site plan shall be picked up by the applicant ~~at the next regularly scheduled meeting~~ and submitted to the Building Inspector for his action. No site plan shall be accepted by the Building Inspector that is not clearly stamped "reviewed" and signed by a majority of the members of the Planning Board. The applicant has the sole responsibility for submitting and picking up the site plan. The recommendation of the site plan by the Planning Board shall in no way mandate the issuing of a building permit by the Building Inspector. Or take any other action relative thereto.

PASSED- DECLARED MAJORITY
Two-Thirds Required