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ARTICLE 17. Proposed Amendment to Add New Subsection § 235-58.X to Chapter 235, Article X: Administration and Enforcement

§ 235-58.X. Abutter Notification and Public Input for Site Plan Review of Exempt Uses

The Planning & Zoning Board shall provide written notice to all property owners within 300 feet of the subject site at least seven (7) days before the planning meeting where the application will be reviewed. This notice is a courtesy to keep neighbors informed.

Submitted by Citizen's Petition

MOTION: Petitioner Jacqueline Benvie moved that the Town vote to amend Chapter 235 of Article 17: Administration and Enforcement by adding a new section, section 235-58.X as printed in the warrant.

Explanation: This amendment simply creates a courtesy notice requirement so that neighbors within 300 feet are informed at least seven days before a Planning & Zoning Board meeting involving site plan review of exempt uses in residential neighborhoods. These uses can include commercial childcare centers, churches, or solar energy fields. The goal is greater transparency and better communication with residents.

Vote Required:	SIMPLE MAJORITY FOR TAKING NO ACTION
Select Board Recommendation:	NOT RECOMMENDED
Finance Committee Recommendation:	NOT RECOMMENDED

The Planning & Zoning Board met on March 17, 2026 and voted 3-2 to Not Recommend Article 17.

A MOTION to move the Question was made by Priscilla Almquist-Olsen and was seconded.
(Move the Question) - DECLARED VOTED BY 2/3 BY THE MODERATOR

A counted vote was taken:
YES - 122 NO – 46

DECLARED VOTED BY 2/3 BY THE MODERATOR

I hereby certify that the above article was voted and declared voted by the Moderator at the Annual Town Meeting first convened on May 18, 2026.

A True Copy Attest:

Danielle M. Sicard
Danielle M. Sicard, Town Clerk