

Article 7G Zoning

~~Strikethrough~~ = Language to be deleted

Underline = Language to be inserted

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Eastham Zoning Bylaw, **SECTION 10.3.2 STANDARDS AND CRITERIA** as follows:

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The Planning Board ~~and in the case of Site Plan Special Permit, the Zoning Board of Appeals,~~ shall approve a site plan in the form submitted or with such reasonable conditions relating to the standards and criteria delineated in this section.

1. The landscape shall be preserved in its natural state insofar as practical. The Board shall encourage the applicant to avoid grade changes and the removal of native vegetation and soil.
 - **Landscaping:** Grade changes, plantings, fencing, and other aspects of landscaping, shall be compatible with the existing natural vegetation on the lot and surrounding area. Clearing of existing native vegetation shall be minimized to the greatest extent possible. Proposed landscaping shall integrate with buildings on the lot and with abutting properties. A minimum of 50% of proposed plants shall be species native to Cape Cod and which are appropriate to the site.
2. ~~The proposed development shall relate harmoniously to the terrain and to the use, scale and proportions of existing and proposed buildings in the neighborhood.~~
3. Proposed development shall be ~~in harmony~~ compatible with the prevailing character ~~height and scale~~ of other buildings and uses on the site and in the neighborhood and the Town through the use of appropriate height, scale, massing, setbacks, building materials, screening, lighting and other architectural techniques.
 - **Prevailing Character:** Examples of distinguishing architectural features, height, scale, massing, setbacks and average site coverage based on best available information within the neighborhood shall be considered in context with the proposed development as elements of the prevailing character of the neighborhood. Distinguishing architectural features and examples of historic or aesthetic significance on a building shall be preserved and maintained or replaced with similar elements where feasible and where desirable.

- **Height and Scale:** The proposed project shall be compatible with other structures on the lot and in the neighborhood and shall maintain balanced proportions in relation to building scale, height, width, roof shape and roof pitch.

 - **Massing:** The proposed project shall maintain balanced proportions in relation to the lot area and other structures in the neighborhood. The proposed project shall utilize architectural techniques to help reduce the building massing, including but not limited to the following:
 - The use of dormers, upper floor setbacks, large overhangs, porches and façade variation.
 - The use of interconnected building elements to help make the structure appear smaller than a single mass of the same volume.

 - **Setbacks:** Where feasible and/or permitted, the proposed project shall be sited on the lot in order to maintain and/or enhance or if applicable, create a street front appropriate to the prevailing character of the neighborhood.

 - **Building Materials:** The exterior siding, roof, windows, doors, and trim shall be compatible with desirable and traditional materials used in the community or found within the neighborhood. The use of innovative building materials shall not be discouraged or prohibited provided they are compatible with the prevailing character of the neighborhood.

 - **Lighting:** Exterior lighting shall be down shielded to minimize light pollution.

 - **Architectural Techniques:** Where feasible and/or applicable, the short dimension of the structure shall be oriented toward the street and garage doors shall be oriented away from the street.
4. Proposed building sites shall avoid impact on steep slopes, flood plains, hilltops, dunes, scenic views and wetlands.
 - Unique physical features and sensitive habitats on the site and/or in the neighborhood shall be considered in context and where feasible, shall be incorporated into the proposed project.

 5. The protection of unique or significant environmental resources including protection and maintenance of groundwater quality and recharge volume and the water quality of coastal and fresh surface water bodies.

- Where applicable, the proposed project shall demonstrate avoidance and/or mitigation of detrimental environmental impacts resulting from development.
6. The site plan shall maximize the convenience and safety of vehicular and pedestrian movement within the site and in relationship to adjacent ways.
- The proposed project shall provide adequate site lines for vehicles entering and exiting the property.
 - Whenever feasible, the proposed project shall provide adequate space to allow vehicles, including emergency vehicles, to turn around on the property.
 - Whenever feasible, avoid straight entrance driveways.

or take any action relative thereto.

By Eastham Planning Board

Summary:

The bylaw amendments are intended to improve the site plan and special permit review process by providing specific language to the review criteria to help clarify the expectations of regulatory review and reduce the subjectivity of the current criteria and provide consistency between the regulatory review process of Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDATION:

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

PLANNING BOARD RECOMENDATION: 7-0-0

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