Planning Commission Reporting Form for Municipal Bylaw Amendments

This report is in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §4441(c) which states:

"When considering an amendment to a bylaw, the planning commission shall prepare and approve a written report on the proposal. A single report may be prepared so as to satisfy the requirements of this subsection concerning bylaw amendments and subsection 4384(c) of this title concerning plan amendments..."

1. Proposed Amendment.

- 1.1. The purpose of this amendment is to correct or clarify elements of the Zoning Bylaw that are ambiguous or conflicting and to update Permitted and Conditional Uses in all districts.
 - 1.2. Major changes in the amendment include:
 - Adds, deletes, and updates many definitions (including use of Standard Industrial Classifications, SIC codes)
 - Delineates roles for Planning Commission alternate members
 - Enumerates Allowable, and establishes some Prohibited, Uses (new Section 503)
 - Updates Permitted and Conditional Use tables for all districts
 - Makes simple boundary line adjustments easier
 - Removes the permitting flow chart from the bylaw and makes it a separate, more easily updatable non-authoritative guide
 - Requires permit applications in Design Control Overlay areas to include elements that Development Review Board is supposed to consider as factors

2. Proposal Findings.

- 2.1. The proposed amendment conforms with or furthers the goals and policies contained in the municipal plan, including the effect of the proposal on the availability of safe and affordable housing.
- 2.2. The proposed amendment is compatible with the proposed future land uses and densities of the municipal plan.
- 2.3. The proposed amendment carries out, as applicable, any specific proposals for any planned community facilities (not applicable).

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