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**Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Zoning Changes**

Please publish the following as a LEGAL NOTICE on *May 15, 2009* and *May 22, 2009*.

Acton Planning Board public hearing – June 2, 2009, 8:15 PM, Town Hall, Faulkner Room (204) – on proposed amendment to section 3.6.3 – Manufacturing of the zoning bylaw, to include manufacturing in the field of renewable and alternative energy (RE/AE). Agricultural operations will not be impacted. Proposals are available at the Planning Dept. and Town Clerk.

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**ZONING ARTICLE \_\_\_\_\_**  
(Two-thirds vote)

**AMEND ZONING BYLAW –  
DEFINITION OF MANUFACTURING**

To see if the Town will vote to amend section 3.6.3 – Industrial Uses Definition for Manufacturing, by inserting after “... services related to the environment;” the following new phrase:

“development and manufacturing of renewable energy or alternative energy (RE/AE) equipment and systems;”

*[Note: Section 3.6.3 currently reads as follows:*

*3.6.3 Manufacturing – A manufacturing facility, such as a printing or publishing plant; manufacturing of building systems and components; fabrication and assembly of electronic components, precision instruments, or other high technology products; manufacturing of metal products or office supplies; software or hardware development or manufacturing; research or testing of new and emerging technologies and technological devices; establishments engaged in services related to the environment; or similar USES and activities; including office, administrative, laboratory, and support facilities related to the foregoing; but excluding scientific USE as defined in Section 3.6.4. All operations shall confine disturbing smoke, fumes, dust, noise, and other emissions within the premises. No research or testing shall be conducted outside of a BUILDING. In the KC District, the maximum NET FLOOR AREA of an establishment that is classified as a Manufacturing USE shall not exceed 10,000 square feet.]*

, or take any other action relative thereto.

**SUMMARY**

This article amends the zoning bylaw’s use definition for Manufacturing to clarify that the development and manufacturing of renewable energy or alternative energy equipment and systems is an allowed use under Acton’s Manufacturing definition. The Town’s zoning and planning office believes that this is already allowed without the amendment. However, the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources requires specific zoning language for Acton to be eligible economic stimulus grants.

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**Recommendations:**    Board of                      Finance Committee    Planning Board  
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