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Press Release

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Re: An opportunity to participate in articulating a vision and setting goals for Braintree's future

What will Braintree be like in 5 years? 10 years? 20 years? If we do not plan for the future, will the Town stay the same? What would change? What do we love about our Town? How do we retain what we love? What could be different? How shall we go about making Braintree an even better place to live, work, and play? What can we do to protect what we most appreciate about our Town and prepare for future contingencies?

Members of the Ordinance Working Group, Community Development and Planning staff, and RKG Associates and Community Circle consulting team have begun a major review and update of the Town's Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map. The last major revision was completed in 1970. The Town has undergone many changes since then, including those in the form of government, economy, land use, and demographics that are not reflected in the existing ordinance. Additionally, the Ordinance will be reviewed for its accessibility and ease of use, inconstancy, redundancy, sections that are out-of-date, as well as consistency with local goals and compliance with state law.

A town's Zoning Ordinance should support its overall goals for the future. This effort was supported by Mayor Joseph C. Sullivan and the Braintree Town Council with funding to undertake this important endeavor. At the public forum we will be asking questions aimed at identifying shared values regarding Braintree's future. This is so that we can ensure that the improvements we make to the tools used in implementing the vision (e.g. zoning) are aligned with the town's goals.

Please join your neighbors in this opportunity to articulate a vision and set some goals for Braintree. Come help shape the Town's future.

Public Forum:

Mon., November 16, 2015
@ 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Cahill Auditorium,
Town Hall

Refreshments will be served

IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND THE MEETING, please see the following link to give your input and to follow the community conversation:

<https://mysidewalk.com/organizations/290129/braintree-zoning-review-and-update>