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READING TOWN MEETING INSTRUCTIONAL MOTION FORM

Please print legibly and print exactly as you would like to present the Instructional Motion. This will become part of the permanent record of this Town Meeting and must be submitted to the Town Clerk and Moderator before Town Meeting.

Instructional Motion Number: _____ Date: April 19, 2024_____

Instruction to: CPDC, Town Planning Staff, Select Board and Town Manager

I, John Sasso_of Precinct 2 do hereby move that;

In the event Select Board continues to deem compliance with MBTA Communities a requirement, request that Town Planning Staff and CPDC, under the guidance of the Select Board, present zoning changes to Town Meeting prior to December 31, 2024 that align with the following guiding principles.

- Place additional residential and/or mixed use development in underperforming/underutilized zones (e.g., Industrial Zone and South Main St.) to help meet the MBTA communities requirements for additional housing units;
- Avoid placing all or most of the zoning changes solely within the 0.5mile of the commuter rail station, given that the state requirement is that only 40% of the units need to fall within the 0.5 mile radius requirement;
- Take advantage of existing zones that already meet the density or can be easily modified to meet the density requirements of MBTA communities;
- Avoid, as much as possible, impact to existing single-family zones;
- Ensure maintenance of adequate affordable housing inventory by pursuing a higher affordability requirement (e.g., 15%) similar to other communities (Lexington); and
- Meet the number of additional zoned units required by MBTA Communities as minimally as possible and limit the excess units zoned above the requirement.

And, request that Town Manager (with support of Town Accountant) calculate and report the total value of grant money that Reading receives from the State for each of the last five years._____

Signature: _____

Town Clerk:

Seconded: _____ Vote: _____