

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF FOSTER TOWN COUNCIL
AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCES
February 14, 2019, 7:00 PM
CAPTAIN ISAAC PAINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
160 FOSTER CENTER ROAD**

The Foster Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on February 14, 2019 at 7:00 PM in the Captain Isaac Paine Elementary School, 160 Foster Center Road, Foster RI 02825 relative to amending Foster Code of Ordinances. There are changes to Chapter 38. Zoning. Article VI. Supplementary Regulations. Sec. 38-292. Solar installations. (c) Major solar installation. and Sec. 38-191. Table of uses. potentially prohibiting Major Solar Installations in commercial zones:

Changes include requiring all major solar installations to obtain major land development approval rather than smaller projects (not minor solar installations) only needing minor land development approval, adding year-round opaque terrain masking to the required vegetated buffer, adding a required landscaping performance bond for at least 5 years with third party cost estimates agreed to by Town and applicant, and requiring third party cost estimates for decommissioning bond agreed to by Town and applicant.

Possible change to Sec. 38-191. Table of uses. to change Service industries 6. Major solar installations from special use permit to prohibited use in *NC neighborhood commercial, and GBM General business – Mixed use.*

All interested persons are invited to attend the Public Hearing and be heard. Modifications to the proposal may occur as a result of the comments received during the hearing or as a result of further study. The application can be reviewed at Town Hall at 181 Howard Hill Road in the office of the Town Clerk during normal business hours.

Individuals requiring interpreter service must notify the Town Clerk's Office at (401) 392-9200 at least 72 hours in advance of the hearing date.

By order of the Town Council
Denise DiFranco, President