



TOWN OF ASHLAND
TOWN MEETING CERTIFIED VOTE
Tuesday, May 1, 2024
Vote on Article 12

ARTICLE 12: Update Bylaw: Demolition Delay for Historically or Architecturally Significant Buildings
SPONSOR: Historical Commission

To see if the Town will vote to amend section 125 of the General Bylaws, Demolition Delay Bylaw for Historically or Architecturally Significant Buildings, as follows (underline and bold new and strike through removed):

Section 125-5

The Commission and/or the Inspector of Buildings are each specifically authorized to institute any and all actions and proceedings, in law or equity, as they may deem necessary and appropriate to obtain compliance with the requirements of this bylaw or to prevent any threatened violation thereof.

- a. No building permit shall be issued with respect to any premises upon which a significant building has been voluntarily demolished in violation of this bylaw for a period of three years after the date of the completion of such demolition. As used herein, "premises" refers to the parcel of land upon which the demolished significant building was located and all adjoining parcels of land under common ownership or control.
- b. **If the building or premises changes ownership, the new owner must resubmit a request for a Demolition Permit and the Demo Delay Process will be repeated per Chapter 125.**
- c. **After 3 years from the date of determination, in the absence of an accepted plan by the Planning Board the Demo Delay Process must be repeated per Chapter 125, regardless of ownership.**

Or take any other action related thereto.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: *The Finance Committee defers its recommendation to Town Meeting*

SPEAKER: Joan Gonfrade

SUBSTITUTE MOTION MADE: That the Town amend section 125-5 of the General Bylaws as outlined in Article 12 and add to 125-5 (b) "If the building or premises changes ownership **without an approved plan**, the new owner must resubmit a request for a Demolition Permit and the Demo Delay Process will be repeated per Chapter 125".

The motion was seconded.

A simple majority is required.

VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Passed

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VOTE ON ARTICLE 12: Passed

A True Copy Attest:


Cynthia T. Livingstone, Ashland Town Clerk