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On September 8, 1998, pursuant to MGL Chapter 40A, Section 9, the Framingham Planning Board held a Public Hearing to solicit comments on proposed Rules and Regulations and at a meeting of September 15, 1998, the Board voted 4-1-0 to adopt Rules and Regulations as the official Framingham Planning Board Rules and Regulations. Following additional Public Hearings, the Planning Board voted to amend these Rules and Regulations on January 11, 2000, March 27, 2001, July 12, 2007, June 12, 2008, January 14, 2010, July 7, 2011, February 16, 2012, April 12, 2012, May 21, 2012 March 21, 2013, April 25, 2013, June 20, 2013, July 11, 2013, July 17, 2013, June 6, 2015, July 16, 2015, October 8, 2015, March 3, 2016, and November 21, 2016 as set forth herein.

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Article 1: Adoption & Amendments

Section 1.1 These Rules & Regulations shall be duly adopted and amended from time to time, effective immediately upon the majority vote of the Planning Board.

Section 1.2 These Rules & Regulations shall be retained in the Planning Board office and a copy filed with the Town Clerk.

Article 2: Powers and Duties of the Planning Board

Section 2.1 Prepare, adopt, amend and implement a Master Plan for the Town under M.G.L. c. 41, Section 81D.

Section 2.2 Draft and submit zoning amendments for consideration by Town Meeting.

Section 2.3 Adopt, administer, and amend from time to time the Framingham Rules & Regulations of the Subdivision of Lands.

Section 2.4 Act as a Special Permit Granting Authority, when applicable.

Section 2.5 Approve Site Plans, when applicable.

Section 2.6 Administer Public Way Access By-law, when applicable.

Section 2.7 Recommend designation of scenic roads and hold public hearings on requests regarding the Scenic Roads Act.

Article 3: Organization: Membership, Terms of Office, Officers, and Vacancies

Section 3.1 The Planning Board shall consist of five members each with a three year term. The Planning Board members shall be elected in staggered terms as follows: two members elected in two years, one member in one year according to Framingham General By-laws: Article 1, Section 1.

Section 3.2 Term of office shall commence immediately upon election and qualification by the Town Clerk.

Section 3.3 The Planning Board shall elect the following officers from its members: Chairperson, Vice-chairperson, and Clerk.

Section 3.4 Officers shall be elected annually during reorganization as the first order of business at the designated meeting.

Section 3.5 In the event a vacancy of an elected member occurs, a new member shall be appointed in accordance with M.G.L. c. 41, Section 81A.

Article 4: Associate Member

Section 4.1 An Associate Member may be appointed in accordance with M.G.L., Section 9.

Section 4.2 The term of office for the Associate Member Position shall be for one year.



Section 4.3 An Associate Member shall have only the duties as authorized by M.G.L., c. 40A, Section 9 “*for the purposes of acting on a special permit application, in the case of absence, inability to act, or conflict of interest, on the part of any member of the planning board or in the event of a vacancy on the board.*”

Section 4.4 A vacancy occurring for otherwise than by expiration of term may be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner.

Article 5: Duties of Officers

Section 5.1 The Chairperson shall preside over meetings and shall be responsible for the conduct and decorum of the meeting.

Section 5.2 The Vice-chairperson shall assume the duties of the Chairperson in the absence of the Chairperson.

Section 5.3 The Clerk shall be responsible for taking Planning Board meeting minutes in the absence of the Planning Board staff. The Clerk shall preside over the reorganization election of officers as the first order of business of the designated meeting.

Article 6: Minutes

Section 6.1 Minutes of all Planning Board meetings shall be prepared by the Clerk or Planning Board staff in accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law. Written format to be used shall be provided by the Administrator.

Section 6.2 Minutes of open sessions shall become public record immediately, regardless of form. Minutes should be marked “DRAFT” until they are officially adopted by the Planning Board.

Section 6.3 Approval of minutes except executive session minutes shall be made in open session by a majority vote of the Planning Board.

Section 6.4 Minutes may be amended to improve clarity, accuracy, and completeness, but not to re-open debate on a previously decided agenda item. Amendments must be made in open session and noted in that meeting’s minutes. Revised minutes should be marked, as amended, with the revision date.

Section 6.5 Official minutes shall be signed by the Clerk or staff member recording the minutes and the presiding Chairperson at the time the vote is taken. Minutes shall be released and filed according to the Framingham General By-Laws, Article I, Section 5.10.2, as amended.

Section 6.7 Executive Session minutes remain closed to the public for as long as their publication would defeat the purpose of the session. Executive Session minutes must be made public as soon as the reason for secrecy no longer applies.

Article 7: Meetings: Time, Location, and Executive Session

Section 7.1 All meetings of the Planning Board shall be held in accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law.



Section 7.2 All meetings of the Planning Board shall be held in the Memorial Building or such other available municipal building unless restricted by space availability.

Section 7.3 Meetings of the Planning Board shall begin at 7:00 p.m. unless the Planning Board by majority vote sets a different time for a particular meeting. No Planning Board meeting shall begin earlier than 7:00 p.m., except for scheduled Executive Sessions or during times when Town Meeting is in session, in accordance with Town By-Laws. Executive Sessions and meetings held during Town Meeting sessions may begin at 6:30 p.m.

Article 8: Conduct of Meetings & Public Hearings

Section 8.1 The Chairperson shall establish rules of parliamentary procedure to enforce order and decorum as may be necessary to promote efficient time management as well as professional conduct of Planning Board business, guided by a desire to engage public input on matters requiring such input before the Planning Board.

Section 8.2 During Public Hearings considering approvals of Permits or Special Permits, the applicant shall be recognized for presentation, followed by the comments, questions and concerns of the Planning Board Administrator or staff representative, Planning Board members, abutters, and any other parties of interest in the public.

Section 8.3 The Chairperson shall reserve the right to limit presentations to those that are only relevant to matters being discussed. All comments by the public shall be limited to five minutes in the interest of preserving an efficient process, unless otherwise allowed at the discretion of the Chairperson.

Article 9: Quorums and Voting

Section 9.1 A quorum of three members of the Planning Board shall be required to conduct business.

Section 9.2 All votes must take place at a Planning Board meeting in person. Remote participation is prohibited, therefore no phone-in, email, video conference, or fax votes.

Section 9.3 Planning Board members present may be counted to determine whether a quorum is present even if they abstain from voting affirmatively or negatively. Exception: if the Planning Board member is abstaining due to conflict of interest, he/she cannot be counted as being present for the quorum for that portion of the meeting for which he/she is disqualified by reason of conflict of interest.

Section 9.4 A tie vote defeats a motion.

Section 9.5 Planning Board votes shall be a simple majority of those present and voting except for Special Permits requiring a “super majority” by statute.



Section 9.6 A “super majority” of a five member Planning Board is four. This number is required for passage of a motion regardless of the number present.

Section 9.7 Any member of the Planning Board can move to reconsider a vote either on the same night of the vote taken or as the first order of business at the next scheduled meeting. A two-thirds (three out of four / four out of five) is necessary for reconsideration to prevail.

Article 10: Adoption of M.G.L. c. 39, Section 23D, “Mullin Rule”

Section 10.1 Language from M.G.L. c. 39, Section 23D

(a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, upon municipal acceptance of this section for 1 or more types of adjudicatory hearings, a member of any municipal board, committee or commission when holding an adjudicatory hearing shall not be disqualified from voting in the matter solely due to that member’s absence from no more than a single session of the hearing at which testimony or other evidence is received. Before any such missed session, which evidence shall include an audio or video recording of the missed session or a transcript thereof. The written certification shall be part of the record of the hearing. Nothing in this section shall change, replace, negate or otherwise supersede applicable quorum requirements.

Section 10.2 Adoption of M.G.L. c. 39, Section 23D, the “Mullin Rule”: Town Meeting voted to adopt M.G.L. c. 39, Section 23D, the “Mullin Rule” at Annual Town Meeting, May 2013. This adoption solely pertains to the Planning Board.

Section 10.3 Applicability of the “Mullin Rule”: Upon missing a public hearing a member may enact his/her rights under the Mullin Rule by reviewing all material presented and discussed during the public hearing including the official audio, video or transcript of the missed hearing. The member must then complete the adopted affidavit and file it with the Town Clerk’s Office. A copy shall be retained in the Planning Board Office and placed in the corresponding project folder as part of the permanent record.

Article 11: Agenda Management

Section 11.1 The Planning Board Administrator and the Chairperson shall be responsible for management of meeting agendas.

Section 11.2 The Planning Board Administrator and staff will prepare a weekly package of correspondence and supporting documents which shall be provided electronically and/or mailed to all Planning Board members for review within a reasonable period of time to accommodate such review.



Section 11.3 Application submittals whether new or revised shall be made in a timely manner to accommodate proper review needed for consideration at the following meeting. The Planning Board reserves the right to accept or deny such consideration. Documents requiring staff or department review and response must be submitted two weeks prior to the scheduled hearing's submittal deadline unless otherwise determined to be allowed by the Administrator.

Section 11.4 The Planning Board Administrator shall not schedule any application deemed incomplete for Planning Board consideration.

Article 12: Standards of Conduct for Planning Board Members

Section 12.1 Planning Board members are obligated to serve the public interest, to conduct himself/herself so as to maintain public confidence in the Planning Board, to meet the fundamental responsibility of fairness, and to comply with all statutory regulations.

Section 12.2 A member of the Planning Board shall conduct himself/herself in accordance with M.G.L. c. 268A (Conflict of Interest). This includes but is not limited to:

1. Not asking for or accepting anything (regardless of value), if it is offered in exchange for your agreeing to perform or not perform an official act.
2. Not asking for or accepting any "gift" worth \$50.00 or more from anyone with whom you have official dealings.
3. Not taking any action that could create an appearance of conflict unless you make a proper public disclosure.
4. Not disclosing confidential information.
5. Not taking official action which will affect the financial interests of yourself, your family, a business partner, etc.

Section 12.3 Individual Planning Board members shall not meet with an Applicant and/or their representative outside of a Planning Board meeting unless authorized to do so by the Planning Board. For administrative purposes only, the Chairperson may meet jointly with the Planning Board Administrator, Applicant and/or their representative.

Article 13: Site Visits

Section 13.1 A "site visit" is defined as a visit by the Planning Board to a location that is the subject of an application before the Planning Board. The visit shall be in the company of the owner, applicant, and/or the applicant's representative when it involves visiting areas which are not customarily available for public inspection.

Section 13.2 No formal motions shall be made nor votes taken at a "site visit".



Article 14: Regulations Governing Fees and Fee Schedules

Section 14.1 Procedural History: On March 27, 2001 the Planning Board held a public hearing, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40A, Section 9 and M.G.L. c. 41, Section 81Q, to consider proposed regulations governing fees. At the close of the public hearing, the Planning Board voted to adopt regulations governing fees and a new schedule of fees for review conducted by the Planning Board on the various types of applications which come before it. This document, subject to revisions from time to time in a manner spelled out herein, constitutes the Planning Board's rules governing the imposition of fees and its current fee schedule.

Section 14.2 These regulations and fee schedules have been adopted to produce a more equitable schedule of fees which more accurately reflects the cost of technical review of applications to the Planning Board.

Section 14.3 The Planning Board may impose reasonable fees for the review of applications which come before it. The Planning Board may impose Administrative Fees, as may be applicable to the types of applications set forth below, and Project Review Consultant Fees, as set forth under Article 17, herein.

Section 14.4 An Administrative Fee shall be assessed with regard to all applications set forth in Section 14.4.3, herein, in order to offset the expense of review by the Planning Board, the Planning Board Office, as well as other Town Departments.

Section 14.5 Administrative Fees shall be submitted at the time of the submittal of the application. Any application filed without this fee shall be deemed incomplete and no review work shall commence until the fee has been paid in full.

Section 14.6 The following schedule applies to the types of applications reviewed by the Planning Board as set forth below. This schedule supersedes all previous schedules as they may have appeared in the Framingham Zoning By-Laws, the Rules and Regulations for the Subdivision of Land, and any other listing which may have been compiled from time to time for the benefit of applicants.



1. Approval Not Required (ANR) Plans - **\$200.00**
2. Preliminary Plans - **\$1000.00**
3. Definitive Plans - **\$1,500.00**, plus **\$300.00** for each acre; **or \$750.00, plus \$300.00** for each acre, when a preliminary plan has been filed within the last seven months and the Preliminary Plan fee associated with such filing, as set forth above, was received by the Board.
4. Amend or Modify an Approved Definitive Plan (81W) **or a previously submitted Definitive Plan** -
 - i. **\$200.00** plus **\$100.00** for each building lot affected. In addition, a fee of **\$50.00** shall be required for the consideration of a modification of a road and a fee of **\$50.00** shall be required for the modification of a drainage structure. The total fee required shall be the addition of all fees outlined above.
5. Application to Modify A Scenic Way - **\$250.00**
6. Site Plan Review - Review of Site Plans shall require the following application fees:
 - i. Major Site Plan - **\$2,000.00** plus **\$0.06** per square foot of **new** gross floor area
 - ii. Minor Site Plan - **\$1,000.00** plus **\$0.03** per square foot of **new** gross floor area
 - iii. Modification to an Approved Site Plan older than two years from an acted upon Planning Board Decision - **\$1,000.00** plus **\$0.03** per square foot of **new** gross floor area
 - iv. Minor Modification to an Approved Site Plan within two years of a Planning Board Decision date - Minor Engineering Change - **\$500**
7. Special Permits –
 - i. One or the first Special Permit application - **\$500.00**
 - ii. Each Special Permit after the first Special Permit - **\$200.00**
 - iii. Each Special Permit filed with a Site Plan Review application - **\$200.00**
8. Modification of Special Permit - **\$200.00**
9. Special Permit for P.U.D. - **\$ 5,000.00** + **\$15.00/unit** at Prelim plus - **\$35.00/unit** at Definitive Submittal
10. Extension of time for an Approved Site Plan Review or Special Permit - **\$200**
11. Repetitive Petition - Consideration of a petition for a rehearing from the Zoning Board of Appeals - **\$200.00**
12. Public Way Access Permit - **\$200.00**
13. Application to Modify Zoning District - **\$500.00**
14. Shoppers World Sign Application - **\$100.00**
15. Modification to the 1994 Shoppers World Sign Decision - **\$250.00**

Section 14.7 Schedule of Miscellaneous Administrative Fees and Charges are as follows:

1. Copies of Documents
 - i. Letter or legal Size - \$0.25 per sheet*
 - ii. 11"x17" - \$0.50 per sheet*
2. Zoning By-Law - \$15.00*
3. Zoning Map - \$6.00*
4. Subdivision Rules and Regulations - \$10.00*
5. * Postage Charge for Mailing - Additional \$4.00

Section 14.8 The Planning Board reserves the right to waive or reduce any Administrative Fee at their discretion.

Section 14.9 No Administrative Fee refunds will be given by the Planning Board once an application review has commenced. Application withdrawal constitutes forfeiture of all fees paid.



Section 14.10 The Planning Board may review and revise its regulations and fee schedules, from time to time, as it sees fit.

1. Any new regulations or alterations to the fee schedule shall take effect upon filing a copy of the amendments with the Town Clerk.

Article 15: Planning Board Personnel

Section 15.1 The Planning Board shall employ necessary staff positions such as Administrator, Administrative Assistant- Communication Outreach Coordinator, and Associate Planner and any other position that is deemed necessary and approved through the appropriate Town process to accommodate department needs.

Section 15.2 The Planning Board Administrator's primary responsibilities are to carry out the Town's development review process, to manage the administrative and planning operations of the Planning Board Office and to carry out the duties and responsibilities identified in the approved job description for this position. The Planning Board Administrator serves as the point of contact for all inquiries by applicants and their attorneys, Chairs of Boards, Commissions, Committees, and other interested parties. This position reports directly to the Planning Board.

Section 15.3 The Administrative Assistant-Communication Outreach Coordinator's primary role is to assist the Planning Board Administrator with the financial and communication operations of the Planning Board Office and to carry out the duties and responsibilities as identified in the approved job description for this position. This position reports directly to the Planning Board Administrator.

Section 15.4 The Associate Planner assists in planning operations and reports directly to the Planning Board Administrator. Responsibilities include a wide range of development and land use planning activities, such as project construction conformance review, master land use plan implementation, and long range planning projects.

Article 16: Budget and Finance

Section 16.1 The Planning Board Administrator is responsible for managing the budget and accounts of the Planning Board.

Section 16.2 The Planning Board Administrator is responsible for the preparation of the Annual Planning Board Budget, subject to review and approval of the Planning Board. The Planning Board Administrator shall develop the budget in consultation with the Planning Board.

Article 17: M.G.L. c. 44, Section 53G, Special Funds for Employing Outside Consultants

Section 17.1 On July 24, 1990, at a Public Hearing, the Framingham Planning Board voted 5-0 to adopt the Acts of 1989, M.G.L. c. 44, Section 53G.

Section 17.2 These regulations for outside consultants are adopted for special permit applications under M.G.L. c. 40A, Section 9 and M.G.L. c. 44, Section 53G.



Section 17.3 The Planning Board, at its sole discretion, may determine that a proposed project's size, scale, complexity, potential impact or particular land use warrants retaining the use of licensed professional independent consultants in any given respective field. Such consultants shall provide professional guidance to assist the Planning Board with the necessary review and analysis needed to make informed decisions that comply with all relevant laws and regulations regarding complex issues. The Planning Board shall select and retain for a reasonable fee such consultants at the expense of the Applicant.

Section 17.4 Consultant Review Fees shall be based upon an estimated review cost. Upon notice of receipt, Review Fees shall be deposited in an account established pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, Section 53G. No decision shall be granted until such fee has been paid in full.

Section 17.5 Independent project consultants shall submit a scope of work and all associated predictable costs for their services as requested by the Planning Board for review prior to retaining their services. No supplemental change orders will be approved unless deemed necessary by the Administrator with the concurrence of the Planning Board.

Section 17.6 As a condition of approval of a Site Plan Review, or a Special Permit, the Planning Board may require a Supplemental Consultant Review Fee for the purpose of ensuring the availability of funds during the inspection phase of the review process.

Section 17.7 The Consultant Review Fee is to be deposited into a special account as set forth in M.G.L. c. 44, Section 53G.

1. Outside consultants retained by the Planning Board to assist in the review of an application shall be paid from this account.
2. Consultant Review Fees shall be turned over to the Town Treasurer by the Planning Board for deposit into a Consultant Review Account.
3. A copy of the latest statement from the banking institution handling the Consultant Review Account shall be forwarded from the office of the Town Treasurer to the Planning Board Office as soon as it is received for timely and accurate accounting.
4. The Town Treasurer shall prepare a report on activity in the Consultant Review Account on an annual basis. This report shall be submitted to the Board of Selectmen and the Town Manager for their review.

Section 17.8 The applicant shall be notified of the consultant selection prior to initiation of consultant efforts. As provided in M.G.L. c. 44, Section 53G, the applicant may administratively appeal the selection of the consultant to the Framingham Board of Selectmen, on grounds that the proposed consultant selected has a conflict of interest or that the proposed consultant does not possess the minimum required qualifications of an educational degree or three or more years of practices in, or closely related to, the field at issue. Such an appeal may be initiated by the applicant filing notice with the Town Clerk within seven calendar days of notice of the selection. If no decision is rendered by the Board of Selectmen within one month of said appeal then the Planning Board consultant selection shall prevail. The required time limits for action upon an application by the



Planning Board shall not preclude further judicial review, if otherwise permitted by law, on the grounds provided for this section.

Section 17.9 Failure of an applicant to pay consultant review fees determined by the Planning Board may be grounds for application disapproval.

Article 18: Central Business (CB) Zoning District Design Standards

Refer to the Planning Board's Project Review Guidelines for the Central Business (CB) Zoning District Design Standards.

Article 19: Landscape Design Guidelines

Refer to the Framingham Planning Board's Project Review Guidelines for Landscaping Design Guidelines.

Article 20: Regulations Governing Applications for Site Plan Review for Dover Amendment Uses

Section 20.1 This Article has been adopted to provide additional explanation regarding the requirements and scope of review for site plan applications and hearings held by the Planning Board. This Article is intended to provide guidance under Framingham Zoning By-Law Section VI.F, Site Plan Review, for those applicants and applications partially exempt from the Framingham Zoning By-Laws under M.G.L. c. 40A, Section 3, the Dover Amendment Uses (hereinafter, "Dover Uses").

The Dover Amendment states:

No zoning ordinance or by-law shall...prohibit, regulate or restrict the use of land or structures for religious uses or for educational purposes...provided, however, that such land or structure may be subject to reasonable regulations concerning the bulk and height of structures and determining yard sizes, lot area, setbacks, open space, parking and building coverage requirements.

Section 20.2 Applicability

1. This Article applies to any structure, use, alteration, and/or improvement as to which the Dover Amendment applies, requiring limited site plan review and approval under the Framingham Zoning By-Law, Section VI.F.2. With regard to Dover Uses, the provisions of this Article shall govern and any other Regulations adopted by the Planning Board for site plan review under Section VI.F of the Zoning By-Laws are not applicable.
2. Nothing in this Article relieves the applicant of its obligation to comply with and satisfy all relevant sections and requirements under the Framingham Zoning By-Law.

Section 20.3 Application and Review Procedure

Section 20.3.1 Determination of Status under M.G.L. c. 40A, Section 3.

Pursuant to the Framingham Zoning By-Law, Section VI.F.2, prior to filing an application for site plan review with the Planning Board, an applicant must submit a request to the Building Commissioner for a written determination of whether the provisions of M.G.L. c. 40A,



Section 3 are applicable. This determination as to whether the Dover Amendment applies to a particular proposed use will be made solely by the Building Commissioner.

Section 20.3.2 Submission of Applications: Following a written determination from the Building Commissioner, an applicant shall submit the application for site plan review approval in accordance with the Framingham Zoning By-Law, Sections VI.F.4.a.2)iii; 3), 10), and plans compliant with the requirements set forth on Section VI.F.4.b to the Planning Board, together with a copy of the Building Commissioner's written determination. The application shall comply with those requirements of Section 3.1.1 Section 3.1.2, and Section 3.1.3 as applicable to minor site plan review.

Section 20.3.3 Contents and Scope of Application: The Planning Board has identified specific subsections of the Framingham Zoning By-Law, not applicable to Dover use applicants. Specifically, a Dover use applicant is exempt from the following:

1. Section VI.F.5 of the Framingham Zoning By-Law, with the exception of items in Section VI.F.5.b. pertaining to bulk and height of the structure and Section VI.F.5.e pertaining to open space review.
2. Traffic Impact Report as referenced in the Framingham Zoning By-Law, Section VI.F.4.11);
3. Environmental Impact Report as referenced in the Framingham Zoning By-Law, Section VI.F.4.12);
4. Retain Community Character under Section VI.F.6.a,
5. Environmental Impact, Section VI.F.6.c, in its entirety;
6. Health, Section VI.F.6.d, in its entirety;

7. Public services and utilities, Section VI.F.6.e., in its entirety;
8. Land planning, Section VI.F.6.f
9. Not required to address the Traffic portion of Section VI.F.6.b.

Section 20.4 At the outset of the opening of a public hearing on a Dover Use application, the Chairperson will:

1. identify those Sections of Section VI.F of the Framingham Zoning By-Law that are relevant to the review by the Planning Board of the application;
2. inform the public of the Building Commissioner's written determination of the applicability of M.G.L. c. 40A, Section 3 including making available at that hearing a copy of such determination; and
3. review for the public the provisions of Article 8 of the Planning Board's Rules and Regulation regarding conduct of meetings and public hearings.

Section 20.5 A public hearing is also an opportunity for members of the public to ask questions or make comments about the proposed development project. At the outset of public comment, the Chairperson will direct the public to frame their questions and comments to issues raised by the application that are within the scope of the Planning Board's jurisdiction.



Section 20.6 A decision on a Dover Use application will be made in accordance with the Framingham Zoning By-Law, Section VI.F.7.a-b. Subject to administrative or other municipal requirements beyond its control, the Planning Board will work diligently to complete its limited site plan review within 60 days of the filing of a complete application. Approval of a Dover Use application will not require off-site improvements as a condition of approval.

Section 20.7 The Planning Board shall approve a Dover Use application in accordance with the Framingham Zoning By-Law, Section VI.F.7.b. of the Zoning By-Law, but the Planning Board's review shall be limited to those provisions imposing reasonable regulations upon the bulk and height of structures and determining yard sizes, lot areas, setbacks, open spaces, parking and building coverage requirements as provided in M.G.L. c. 40A, Section 3.

Section 20.8 In granting approval of a Dover Use application the Planning Board may impose reasonable conditions, limitations, and safeguards which shall be in writing and shall be a part of such approval. Such conditions will not include matters and subjects contained in the Framingham Zoning By-Law:

1. Sections VI.F.8(a),(b), (c), (d), (e), (g) and (i);
2. Section VI.F.8 as to mitigation measures.

Section 20.9 In accordance with the Framingham Zoning By-Law, Section VI.F.9, the Planning Board shall be responsible for deciding the meaning or intent of any provision of the Framingham Zoning By-Law, Section VI.F, with consultation from Town Counsel, which may be unclear or in dispute.

Article 21: Site Plan Review Plan Requirements

Refer to the Framingham Planning Board's Project Review Guidelines for Site Plan Review Plan Requirements.

Article 22: Lighting Requirements

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