

## 10-30-2019 Town Council Meeting Responses to Council Questions

### **ITEM #12: Open the Public Hearing: Land Use Management Ordinance Text Amendment - Proposed Changes to Sections 3.6.2 and 8.4 Related to Historic District Commission Procedures**

**Council Question:**

Does the Planning Commission recommend that staff look into congruity concerns and provide recommendations to improve clarity subsequent to the vote on these proposed LUMO Text amendments or before the vote?

**Staff Response:**

*The Planning Commission recommended that staff work on incorporating language to address the congruity standards as a text amendment, but did not include a specific time frame. Clarity on the congruity standards remains a priority for the Historic District Commission and staff that is best addressed through improvements to the Design Guidelines. The Town has received a Historic Preservation Fund grant with matching funds authorized by the Town Council to rewrite the Design Guidelines, which were last updated in 2001. The Design Guidelines are the appropriate place to provide standards and examples of congruity to better inform applicants as they design their projects. Staff anticipates that further text amendments may be necessary and appropriate at the conclusion of this process to provide a legal basis for the application of the Design Guidelines in the Commission's review of applications for congruity with the special character of the historic districts.*