

LUMO Rewrite

The Board of Adjustment would like to be supportive of the Town's rewrite of the Land Use Management Ordinance, as it is relevant to the board's work. The board would like the Town to consider cases that have come before their decision making body, to acknowledge lessons and unintended consequences that could be addressed through the rewrite process.

Education and Awareness

The Board of Adjustment acknowledges an increase in after-the-fact variance cases and would suggest collaborating with other boards for ways to mitigate and get ahead of these unfortunate circumstances property owners and contractors find themselves in. The board would like to prioritize the need for citizen and contractor education opportunities related to development. It is important to find ways to inform property owners about developing or modifying their property and relay items they need to know about process prior to commencing work.

Reimbursement Procedures

The Board of Adjustment would like for the Town to clarify the reimbursement process and availability for board members for childcare and travel reimbursements etc, as it does not seem to be widely known, easily accessible, and may be underutilized.

Board Structure and Connections

The Board of Adjustment would like a further developed framework of the advisory board system so that potential collaboration and communication among boards may be encouraged. This may also include having the town support annual retreats for each board for setting and realizing goals. The board would also ask the Town how it might consider adjusting missions and compositions of boards.