

# **Proposed Amendment**

to be considered at a

## **May 2017 Special General Referendum**

### Amendment

1. Article 9- Green Buildings

# **Amendment #1**

## *Article 9- Green Buildings*

**Ballot Language:** The following language would appear on the ballot:

Article X

The Town hereby ordains amendment of the **Zoning Ordinance** to ...

**Statement of Fact:** The purpose of this amendment is to provide alternative green building standards in addition to the current LEED certification for the construction of municipal buildings. It will give the Town a specific energy-saving target while providing more flexibility in choosing the energy efficiency design and construction system that is most appropriate for each situation.

**Amendment:** Modify language in Article 9 (Green Buildings) as follows:

**9.1 Purpose**

The purpose of the Green Buildings Article is to promote sustainable building practices through resource conservation, reduction of waste generated in building construction, increases in energy efficiency, and promotion of the health of residents, employees and visitors to the Town of York.

**9.2 Standards for New Municipal Buildings.**

- A. Any new building *or new addition to an existing building* funded in whole by the Town of York, or in part if the portion funded by the Town is 75% or greater of total construction costs, shall be certified by ~~the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System, to meet or exceed Silver Certification based on the most current criteria of the United States Green Building Council,~~ *an established third-party green building performance rating organization or shall be designed to conform to a nationally-recognized green building standard model code, unless exempted in §9.2.B. Acceptable systems include, but are not limited to: Efficiency Maine's Maine Advanced Building Program; the Green Buildings Initiatives' Green Globes Certification; the International Code Council's 2012 International Green Construction Code (IgCC); or the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Certification. All buildings or additions shall be designed to be at least 30% more energy-efficient than the minimum standards found in the latest version of the Maine Universal Building and Energy Code (MUBEC).*

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- B. The following types of new municipal buildings shall not be required to ~~be LEED-Certified~~ *address green building elements or design standards*:
- a. A building *or addition* designed and used exclusively for storage; or
  - b. A building *or addition* that has less than 5,000 square feet of gross floor area.
- C. ~~LEED Silver Certification~~ *Energy efficiency that is at least 30% better than the minimum standards found in the Maine Universal Building and Energy Code (MUBEC) shall be a required element in Requests for Proposals for design and/or construction of any new municipal building or addition covered by this article which is required to be certified.*

### **9.3 Standards for Private Buildings**

Privately funded buildings do not require ~~LEED-Certification~~ *green building standards* at this time. The Town recommends private construction to include as many ~~LEED~~ *green building* standards as are feasible.

Recommended by the Planning Board:

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