

TOWN OF NEWINGTON

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Town Plan and Zoning Commission

To: Newington Residents and Businesses
From: TPZ Chairman Dominic Pane
Date: March 25, 2020
Subject: Town Plan and Zoning Commission Meetings During the COVID-19 Emergency

If you have an application pending with TPZ, or if you are a frequent attendee at TPZ meetings, you know that the past two regular TPZ meetings were cancelled. That decision was made to protect the health of TPZ customers as well as the health of TPZ commissioners and staff. This memo is to notify you that TPZ meetings will resume in April using a different format which protects everyone's health and provides timely service to Newington's residents and businesses.

Governor Ned Lamont has issued a series of [Executive Orders](#) over the past few weeks regarding public meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic. These Executive Orders make several temporary changes to the way municipal land use agencies, such as TPZ, do business.

One of the most important changes is that TPZ is now authorized to exclude the public from TPZ meetings, to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The public may only observe and participate in TPZ meetings "remotely" as described below:

1. The TPZ meeting will take place in Room L-101 as usual, but with a skeleton crew of the TPZ Chairman and the Town Planner. TPZ commissioners will participate from home by calling in on the Town's teleconference system. The general public will not be allowed into Room L-101.
2. The meeting will be live streamed by NCTV, as usual. You can watch the meeting on your television at Cox Channel 16 or Frontier Channel 6050. Anyone with an internet connection can watch the meeting live streamed at <http://www.nctv.org/live-channel-16/>.
3. Applicants and essential town staff who need to be present will be sitting in the back of the room, practicing prudent social distancing.
4. NCTV will rebroadcast the meeting on Cox Channel 16 and Frontier Channel 6050, normally within 48 hours. The meeting can also be viewed at <http://www.nctv.org/video-on-demand/>.

TPZ will resume holding normal meetings with full, in-person public participation as soon as the threat of COVID-19 has passed. Your understanding and patience during these difficult times is very much appreciated.

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