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Town Announces New Dates for Public Workshops

The Town announced **new** dates for the public workshops scheduled to discuss proposed changes to the Mansfield Station Revitalization Overlay District, often referred to as the Mansfield TOD (Transit-Oriented Development) zoning district, earlier today. The discussion scheduled for 7:00 pm on Wednesday, February 1, has been postponed to 7:00 pm on Wednesday, February 15th, as previously reported. Meanwhile, the conversation originally slated for Wednesday, February 15th, has been postponed to 7:00 pm on Tuesday, February 28th. Both will be held in the Community Room of the Public Safety Building, 500 East Street.

The workshop scheduled for Wednesday, February 1st, was postponed as a key presenter had fallen ill and was unable to provide their presentation. As previously planned, the workshops scheduled for February 15th and 28th will include opening comments from Town staff, followed by a presentation from BETA Group Inc., who has been contracted by the Town to assist in drafting these proposals, and Jenn Goldson of JM Goldson, LLC., who led the development of the Master Plan in 2020. She has likewise been retained to assist BETA in drafting the final proposal for this coming Annual Town Meeting, expected to be held in June. These conversations build upon an outreach process that began this past September and represent the third and fourth public forums the Town has held on this subject in the past six months

Under development by the Planning Board since late 2021, these proposals grew out of the 2020 Master Plan's call to "Encourage and pursue desirable development—consistent with the community's vision—in Downtown and near the train station to achieve economic vitality" (Goal 3b, Strategy ii). Potential zoning updates would amend the boundaries of the current TOD District and address development standards for height and density, bringing the by-law further in line with the Commonwealth's MBTA Community Guidelines.

Ultimately, it is anticipated that the zoning updates and related transportation improvements will foster centrally located, walkable, private development opportunities in close proximity to the Commuter Rail Station while maintaining that neighborhood's historic character.

These Workshops are open to the public and all are encouraged to attend. While it will be recorded by Mansfield Cable to be posted online and broadcast, the February 15th meeting will not be broadcast or streamed live due to previously scheduled programming.

If you would like more information about this topic, please call Economic Development Director Christopher McDermott at (508) 851-6410 or email him at cmcdermott@mansfieldma.com.

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