

PA 06-17 An Act Concerning Municipal Plans of Conservation and Development (*Effective October 1, 2006, and applicable to plans of conservation and development adopted after October 1, 2006*)

This act simplifies the plan adoption procedure and makes the sequential steps easier to administer:

- 65 days prior to the public hearing on adoption of a plan of conservation and development, part of a plan, or amendment to a plan, the Planning Commission or Planning and Zoning Commission (Commission) must:
 - refer the plan to the legislative body of the municipality or, if the legislative body is a town meeting, to the board of selectmen.
 - refer the plan to the regional planning agency for a report which includes a finding of consistency with the regional and State plans and neighboring municipal plans.

- 35 days prior to the public hearing on adoption, the plan must:
 - be posted on the municipal website, if any
 - be filed in the office of the town clerk.

- The legislative body or board of selectmen:
 - may hold a public hearing.
 - may submit comments at or before the close of the Commission's public hearing.
 - shall endorse or reject the plan, part of the plan, or amendment to the plan.

- After the close of the Commission's hearing, the Commission may revise and adopt the Plan:
 - even if no reports are filed by the legislative body or board of selectmen or the regional planning agency.
 - by a 2/3 majority if a report of the legislative body or board of selectmen does not endorse the plan, part of a plan, or amendment to a plan.

- No later than 30 days after adoption, the plan must be posted on the municipal website, if any.

- 60 days after adoption, the Commission must notify the secretary of OPM of any inconsistency with the State plan.