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REPORT TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Heather R. Shank, City Planner

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SUBJECT: Form Based Code Zoning Project Update

Discussion:

After interviewing several planning consultants in late October and early November to complete the Form Based Code update to the Zoning Ordinance, the interview panel selected Code Studio from Austin, Texas to complete the project. The contract was finalized in late November. Planning staff has been communicating regularly with the consultant to share materials and plan a kick off meeting.

Code Studio intends to visit Concord the week of February 5th to hold the kick off meeting, conduct stakeholder interviews pertaining to downtown residential and commercial development, and tour the City conducting field work. Planning staff is assisting with scheduling interviews with stakeholders, including downtown developers and property owners; neighborhood residents; development professionals; representatives of various Boards, Committees, and Commissions including the Planning Board, the Zoning Board of Adjustments (ZBA), City Council, and City staff.

Staff intends to provide regular updates to City Council throughout the process.