



ULI to Present Development Recommendations for Town of Hamilton

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Hamilton, MA – ULI Boston/New England is convening a Technical Assistance Panel (TAP) to evaluate a proposed zoning change in the Village area of Hamilton. On **June 22, 2015** at the **Hamilton-Wenham Public Library**, a team of volunteer panelists will give a public presentation of its findings and recommendations for the area adjacent to the MBTA commuter rail station to determine future development potential.

The town of Hamilton requested ULI Boston/New England assemble a TAP to address development issues facing the village area. Hamilton is a suburb north of Boston that share a town center, a school system, library, as well as a public works and recreation department with nearby Wenham.

A TAP is a group of ULI real estate professionals charged with moving specific local projects forward. This group brings expertise to qualifying non-profits and local governments that may not have the resources to find solutions to development roadblocks. Master plans, place-making, achieving a broader tax base, market feasibility, and financial structuring are just a few examples of how a TAP can help a community tackle land use issues.

“Our panel of experts is looking forward to help Hamilton find solutions to issues surrounding a potential zoning change in the village area to allow mixed use,” says Michelle Landers, Director, ULI Boston/New England. “With great commuter rail access and a very high quality of life, Hamilton is a desirable community, but currently has few housing options beyond single family homes.”

The panel will spend the day touring the area, conducting interviews with local stakeholders, and creating recommendations. The public presentation of findings will take place at **7:30 p.m.** at the **Hamilton-Wenham Public Library, 14 Union Street in South Hamilton.**

Panelists include:

- Dick Lampman – Business Development, Barr & Barr, Inc.
- David Linhart – Associate, Goulston & Storrs
- Ryan Leeming – Senior Designer, New England Development

- Frank Valdes – Associate Principal, Dimella Shaffer
- Phil Colleran – Principal, CRJA
- Craig Lizotte – Principal, VHB
- Ed Hodges – Principal, Dimella Shaffer
- Sarah Barnat – Executive Director, ULI Boston/New England
- Michelle Landers – Director, ULI Boston/New England
- Ileana Tauscher – Associate, ULI Boston/New England
- Jeanne Haffner – Report writer

The presentation given to the public will be made available online at www.boston.uli.org. A final report with TAP's findings will be available to the public 6–8 weeks after the presentation.

The ULI Boston TAP program is proudly sponsored by MassDevelopment.

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