Dear Town Meeting Members,

I would first like to apologize for the confusion on Thursday evening. We certainly aim to prepare as much as possible ahead of time for Town Meeting and unfortunately sometimes things fall through the cracks that lead to confusion on the floor. We believe we have identified the issue between two versions of the MUOD (Mixed Use Overlay District) article and have appropriate corrections ready for your deliberation Monday evening.

The actual document had gone through over half a dozen versions. The final version that was sent to the printer for the Warrant was the second to last version; the Planning Department made one last round of edits for continuity and typographical review. That latest version appears to have been lost in translation in between the document being sent to the Board of Selectmen and finally the printer; however, it contained only typo fixes and other small fixes, no substantive changes were made to the document. The Planning Department placed the latest version of the draft on its webpage on the Town’s website; however the version physically printed in the Warrant and placed on the town meeting webpage of the website was the second to last version; resulting in the confusion over why we apparently had two versions.

Town staff worked throughout the day on Friday along with members of the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board to make a thorough review of the document to correct typos and other semantic issues in order to present you with a more accurate document, and to ensure we are all working from the same document. Particular credit to Christina Mulvehill, Bernie Cooper, MaryLou Folan and Paul Halkiotis for their long hours on Friday and Saturday going through this process. We completed a thorough review, and found that the only changes between the version Planning Board members were viewing and the version in the Warrant were small typos and word ordering. We have incorporated those changes, as well as, some of the concerns raised by members Mr. Shay and Mrs. Donohue at Town Meeting. These documents are included with this email. We greatly appreciate your patience with this complex process that is so critical to the future of our community.

Attached to this email/packet you will find three documents.

1. **List of changes to MUOD article**- This document lists all the typographical, numbering, and other small changes made to the document. You can follow through these changes and find them on the “redline” version of the MUOD article.

2. **“Redline” version of MUOD article**- This is a “redline” version of the MUOD article that shows the changes between the version printed on the warrant and the changes made by staff this weekend; most of which were typos.
3. "Clean" version of MUOD article- This is a "clean" version of what the final Bylaw amendment will look like.

On Monday evening we first need to resolve the motion to amend put forth my Ms. Howard. After that is resolved, the Planning Board will offer a motion to amend the original article to make these corrections, after which we can continue discussion on this important change for our community. We greatly appreciate your patience and understanding in this matter.

Best regards,

Tony Mazzucco
General Manager