

**Town of Harrisville Planning Board
ZONING BALLOT for Vote on March 11, 2025**

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Note: New language is in ***bold italics***. Language to be deleted is shown as a ~~strikethrough~~

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment #1** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Harrisville Zoning Ordinances to amend Article IX Lakeside Residential District as follows?

9.1.4. ***Tourist homes may be maintained and operated in this district.*** No ~~dwelling residence~~ in the lakeside district shall be used as a hotel, ~~tourist home, or furnished rooming house.~~

Explanation: The purpose of Amendment #1 is to clarify that short-term rentals are a permitted use in the lakeside district as they are in all other zoning districts.

YES

NO

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment #2** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Harrisville Zoning Ordinance to amend Article XXVI Definitions, the definition of Dwelling, as follows?

DWELLING: A single unit providing complete independent living facilities, including provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking and sanitation. The terms "dwelling", "one-family dwelling", "multiple-family dwelling", "two-family dwelling" or "dwelling group" shall not be deemed to include automobile court, ~~rooming house, tourist home~~ or hotel. For the purposes of this ordinance, "cooking" means to have the ability to heat, cook, and refrigerate food, with a sink and water supply separate from a bathroom.

Explanation: The purpose of this amendment is to clarify the existing definition.

YES

NO

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment #3** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Harrisville Zoning Ordinance to amend Article XXVI Definitions, the definition of Hotel, as follows?

HOTEL: A building containing rooms intended or designed to be used or which are used, rented or hired out ***commercially*** for sleeping purposes by guests. ~~and where only a general kitchen and dining room are provided within the building or in any accessory building. (See "Tourist Home").~~

Explanation: The purpose of this amendment is to clarify the existing definition.

YES

NO

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Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment #4** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Harrisville Zoning Ordinance to amend Article XXVI Definitions, the definition of Tourist Home, as follows?

TOURIST HOME: Any **dwelling, or any room or groups of rooms** ~~place consisting of a room or group of rooms~~ located in a **dwelling** ~~residence~~ where transient accommodations for sleeping or living purposes are provided **on a short term rental basis** ~~for a price~~.

Explanation: The purpose of this amendment is to clarify the existing definition.

YES NO

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment #5** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Harrisville Zoning Ordinance to amend Article XII Wetlands Conservation Overlay District as follows?

12.6.2. There shall be a 25-foot no-build buffer around all wetlands of 3,000 square feet or less, **and linear wetlands 10 feet wide or less**, with no alteration of natural vegetation, no habitable buildings and no permanent foundations.

Explanation: The purpose of this amendment is to make the required setback for drainage ways and narrow linear wetlands consistent with buffer requirements for wetlands of 3,000 square feet or less.

YES NO

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment #6** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Harrisville Zoning Ordinance to amend Article XII Wetlands Conservation Overlay District as follows?

12.9. SPECIAL EXCEPTION USES. Upon application to the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA), a special exception may be granted for the following **certain uses, set forth in 12.9.1 through 12.9.4., provided the following conditions are met:**

- a. Sediment in the runoff water, both during and after construction, shall be trapped by the use of sediment basins or other erosion control methods, until the disturbed area is stabilized.**
- b. The storm drainage system and culvert capacity shall be based on a design flow with a minimum return interval of a twenty-five year/twenty-four hour storm, and the ability to withstand a 4" rainstorm within a 24-hour period.**
- c. Stormwater infiltration systems are installed to reduce surface water runoff.**
- d. No new drainage ways shall be created, nor additional run-off directed to existing wetlands or to adjacent properties, unless necessary easements are obtained.**

Explanation: The purpose of this amendment is to specify stormwater management and erosion control measures to be required to obtain a special exception within the 100' foot wetland buffer for certain accessory structures and access ways.

YES NO