



## STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: August 3, 2015

Agenda Item #: 7a

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Rawls Howard, Planning and Inspections Department

THRU: Susan Parker, Town Administrator

TITLE: **Amendment for Article 10 Landscaping and Buffering Requirements**

ATTACH: Ordinance Amendment

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**Summary:** Planning Board made a recommendation for the repeal and replacement of Article 10 Landscaping and Buffering. Council reviewed the recommendation of Planning Board at the May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Council meeting.

At the May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Council work session, Council made additional amendments to the language Planning Board recommended. Staff has inserted this additional language into the proposed ordinance. The required public hearing was held on June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015. At this meeting, Council wished to review the language in light of some Councilmember and citizen comments and concerns regarding specific provisions.

On June 2<sup>nd</sup> and June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015, Staff met with Council members and citizens to review suggested minor changes; specifically, to the buffer and street yard requirements. Staff also provided amended clarification language to existing standards.

At the July 21<sup>st</sup> Council work session, Staff responded to questions regarding the new draft. Councilman Sherrill indicated that he still had concerns regarding the planting rate for the single family lots on the mainland.

On July 27<sup>th</sup>, Staff met with Councilman Sherrill and reviewed suggested modification language for landscaping applicability to single family homes on the mainland. Specifically, increasing the threshold slightly to account for the minimum lot size requirements for standard mainland lots. After reviewing the proposal, staff did not have any issue with the suggestion and agreed with the proposal. Staff made the proposed change in the new attached draft.

**Recommendation:** Move to approve the attached ordinance amendment.