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To the Barrington Town Board:
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With the Comprehensive Plan being very close to approval, the next significant step is the choosing of the group that will write and/or modify Barrington's zoning laws. The choice of these members is critical. Their decisions will have a lasting impact on the town. We are suggesting for your consideration, criteria to use in order to objectively select the members.

1. The members must have a strong commitment to the Comprehensive Plan. This is not the time to change the plan, it is the time to implement the plan. Those who worked diligently on the formation of the Comp Plan would be an excellent source of good candidates.
2. Members must be made aware of the magnitude of the commitment and agree to being an active member of the committee. Inactive members should be replaced.
3. Members should be selected from the different areas of the town.
4. Membership should include a least one representative from the Town Board, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Agricultural Committee in addition to two from the general public. It is important that at least one member have practical civil engineering experience.
5. Members should be concerned with the welfare of the town in total, not just for their fiefdom or against someone else's fiefdom. The farms, businesses, woodlands, wetlands, lake and valley vistas, slopes and lake shore are all parts of the town. Decisions will be made that might affect their property's value. When a conflict such as this occurs, they should be part of the discussion but be willing to recuse themselves when the decision is to be made. People that have expressed prejudice against a particular segment of the town should be excluded from consideration.
6. Members must be willing to attend appropriate training and read materials that will provide the knowledge needed.

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