



REFERRAL RESPONSE

Initiating Municipality: Litchfield Subdivision
Date Received: 1/5/21 Zoning Regulation/Map Amendment
Public Hearing Date: 3/1/21 Town Plan Update

Neighboring municipalities in NHCOCG region: Harwinton, Torrington, Morris, Washington, Warren, and Goshen

Summary of proposed changes:

The proposed amendments touch upon food vending, worship place, solar harvesting facilities, and the procedure and requirements associated with zone changes.

COMMENTS: NHCOCG staff has reviewed this referral and finds no apparent conflict with regional plans and policies or the known concerns of neighboring towns.

However, The NHCOCG does wish to introduce a few points of clarification for the Commission's consideration. They include the following:

- Does an "Ecclestial Commercial Kitchen" need to be differentiated from a "Commercial Kitchen"? The Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act (RLUIPA) shall be kept in mind when drafting regulations that provides a different set of regulations for activity associated with religion exercise.
- The Commission shall consider its own petitioned Zone Changes. Is the signage requirement suggested only applicable when private citizens petition for a zone change? This is not clear. In many instances, Zone Changes are the result of a Commission petitioned application.

CC: This referral response will be sent to the Land Use Administrator and Chief Elected Official in each of the neighboring towns listed above.

QUESTIONS: Questions concerning this referral should be directed to Janell Mullen, NHCOCG.