

## **Planning Commission**

Proposed Home Enterprise Bylaw Changes: Notes from Forum

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## **Home Enterprise – Comments on the general concept**

Dummerston has lots of businesses

What's the benefit to registration?

It'll cost the town money and create work for people.

Does the town plan on taxing businesses?

Is this the first step to generating revenue?

In there a problem that this needs to fix?

Is there a penalty for not registering? Who would enforce it?

Tom Bodett points out that being able to cite statistics about the town businesses can help get grant money to support the businesses. (Broadband for instance.)

The businesses that were in Dummerston before the first zoning in 1974 were grandfathered. Can they continue to be grandfathered?

Would the town want to change how I do business? Muck around with my way of working?

## **Home Occupations**

No permit

Question about what outside storage of equipment means. Ex: what if a business has a delivery vehicle. Does this refer to parked vehicles?

Home Industry

Complaints would be handled by the DRB

How are aspects such as "noise, dust, vibration" to be defined?

Who is protected by the permitting process? Can protect the business owner.

Would new businesses have to go back for approval again and again?

Why do service vehicles have to be hidden?

Fix the language of "non-resident" – sounds like it means resident of Dummerston rather than someone who lives in the home.

Add a section like #5 in the Home Business section.

What options might there be for variances?

Is there a way to get a permit for what might be needed – if it doesn't exactly match these requirements?

Why is it necessary to reapply for a permit if you sell the business?

Of the pre-existing items: Why is "A" in there at all?

### **Home Business**

What's with the 5 ton gross vehicle weight? Instead maybe "whatever is legal to go down the road"?

Don't penalize the people in Dummerston

Give everyone currently in business a conditional use permit

Could there be a streamlined application process?

Zoning bylaws are protection not regulation.