



Background

On October 26, the MBTA Zoning Task Force heard a draft presentation from a group of MIT graduate students who are enrolled in a planning class and are studying the new MBTA Zoning Law. The group requested to use the Town of Manchester-by-the-Sea as part of their semester long project. The group will seek to create potential zoning applications and solutions that relate to the guidelines of MGL Chapter 40A, Section 3A.

The class will present their final ideas at a meeting in December.

Is there any cost incurred by the Town associated with this project?

No

Is the Town committing to the ideas presented by MIT?

No, MIT students' views and recommendations are their own and do *NOT* represent the views of the MBTA Zoning Task Force. This project is an example of the Task Force's work to seek out all possible options to ultimately choose what best meets the Town's goals:

Preservation of the Town's character; Preservation of current multi-family units; Using the State's mandate to support the Town's goal of increasing residential housing, particularly moderately priced housing, in carefully crafted, tightly drawn zones with appropriate guardrails.