



## Pomfret Accepted for Community Resilience Building Workshop

Pomfret has recently been chosen to be part of Connecticut's Community Resilience Building Workshop program. A limited number of communities across the state have been chosen for this event. Sometime between now and April 2021 a Facilitator will meet with a group of Pomfret citizens to outline and discuss our Town's ability to plan and react to disasters and climate change among other things. This workshop is offered through the Sustainable CT technical assistance program in partnership with the Nature Conservancy. The more people who chose to get involved, the better the results will be for our town. If you have any interest in being a

part of this please contact either: Maureen Nicholson at 860-974-0191, maureen.nicholson@pomfretct.gov or myself: Charlie Tracy at: ctracymanagement@gmail.com ■

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## Planning and Zoning Commission Notice of Workshop Wednesday, February 17th @7pm On Accessory Dwelling Units

The Town of Pomfret's Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) will be hosting a workshop on February 17th at 7PM as part of the regularly scheduled meeting. The workshop will discuss possible changes to the regulations for Accessory Apartments or Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs). An accessory dwelling unit, usually just called an ADU, is a secondary housing unit on a single-family residential lot. The term "accessory dwelling unit" is an institutional-sounding name, but it's the most commonly used term across the country to describe this type of housing.

Under Pomfret's current zoning regulations, ADUs are categorized as either In-Law apartments or Caretaker apartments. The regulations currently have restrictions that require the occupant be a family member or paid caretaker of/for the owner of the property. The apartments cannot be rented under current regulations. P&Z is considering changes to the regulations that remove these restrictions,

allowed by Special Permit. P&Z is considering changes to the regulations which will allow attached ADUs as-a-right with a streamlined permitting process in most zones and detached in some zones as-a-right with pre-approved design.

The purpose driving these changes are to allow affordable housing in Pomfret for i.e. recent college graduates returning to Town, retirees wishing to stay in Town, etc. Allowing ADUs to be rented can benefit both tenant and property owner.

At this time, P&Z is not considering Short Term Rental as an approved use, this regulation will be taken up as a separate matter at a later date. ■

**Check the Town's website for Zoom meeting information. Join the conversation!**

*Richard DiBonaventura*

*Chairman, Pomfret Planning and Zoning Commission*