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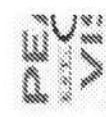
MENDHAM TWP. -The Planning Board ruled unanimously Wednesday night the ordinance proposed by the Township Committee to rezone the Pitney Farm property is inconsistent with the township's Master Plan.

The Township Committee's proposed ordinance calls for the Pitney property at the foot of Cold Hill

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Lane and Route 24 to be rezoned from a two-acre "R Zone" to a 20,000-square foot "R-2 Zone," which would make it suitable to house a small number of residential units.

Township planners found the ordinance inconsistent with the Master Plan in that the plan dictates the Pitney property be kept as an R Zone, and that the township strive to preserve its historical elements. The planners had no recommendations for the Township Committee on how to make the ordinance consistent, aside from changing the master plan.

Planning Board Attorney Edward Buzak said the township could still pass the ordinance, despite the ordinance being inconsistent with the master plan.

The board would have to vote 5-0 in favor of the ordinance and pass an accompanying resolution explaining why it passed an ordinance inconsistent with the master plan.

Check back here for more information.

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