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HOUSE BILL ***1086***

AN ACT relative to public notice of zoning board of adjustment hearings.

SPONSORS: Rep. Renzullo, Hills. 13; Rep. Post, Hills. 42

COMMITTEE: Municipal and County Government

ANALYSIS

This bill allows municipalities to post public notice for zoning board of adjustment hearings on the town website, if available, instead of in a newspaper publication.

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics.***
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Four

AN ACT relative to public notice of zoning board of adjustment hearings.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 Public Hearing; Notice. Amend RSA 676:7, I to read as follows:

I. Prior to exercising its appeals powers, the board of adjustment shall hold a public hearing. Notice of the public hearing shall be given as follows:

(a) The appellant and every abutter and holder of conservation, preservation, or agricultural preservation restrictions shall be notified of the hearing by verified mail, as defined in RSA 21:53, stating the time and place of the hearing, and such notice shall be given not less than 5 days before the date fixed for the hearing of the appeal. The board shall hear all abutters and holders of conservation, preservation, or agricultural preservation restrictions desiring to submit testimony and all non-abutters who can demonstrate that they are affected directly by the proposal under consideration. The board may hear such other persons as it deems appropriate.

(b) A public notice of the hearing shall be placed in a newspaper of general circulation in the area not less than 5 days before the date fixed for the hearing of the appeal.

(c) In lieu of publication of notice in a newspaper of general circulation pursuant to subparagraph (b), notice may be posted on the municipality's Internet website, if such exists, not less than 5 days before the date fixed for the hearing of the appeal. Notices posted under this subparagraph shall appear prominently on the website's homepage, or a direct link to the notice shall appear prominently on the home page and the notice shall remain on the website until the conclusion of the hearing.

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2025.