Agenda Item: Zoning Application 2021-739 Columbaria Text Amendment

DATE: October 11, 2020
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Background/Issue:

- The Town currently does not have definitions for Columbaria or Open Wall Columbaria even though both are used by the Unified Development Ordinance.

- The applicant seeks to add a definition that would allow smaller columbaria to be treated similarly to a fence/wall.

- Columbaria come in a variety of types and sizes. They can be freestanding walls, outdoor structures, or small buildings. Typically, these are walls lined with small vaults holding cremated remains.

- The text amendment would add a definition for “Open Wall Columbarium” to the Unified Development Ordinance

- The definition would include an exemption for columbaria that are less than or equal to 8 feet in height. Columbaria 8 feet or less would be considered walls by definition.

Proposal/Solution:

- Planning Board made a recommendation to approve only adding the definition of open wall columbaria

- Since Planning Board, the applicant has updated the proposed text to only include the new definition.

Financial Impact:

None

Related Town Goal(s) and/or Strategies:

Quality of Life
Economic Development/Land Use Planning

Recommended Motion/Action:

Approve Zoning Application 2021-739 to add a definition of Open Wall Columbarium