

## **Existing Definition**

**Structure:** Any object constructed or installed for the support, shelter or enclosure of persons, animals, goods, or property of any kind, as well as anything constructed or erected with a fixed location on or in the ground, such as a building, bridge, trestle, tower, framework, sign, flagpole, or the like, excluding any underground system (septic systems, wells, etc.).

## **Proposed definition**

**Structure:** Anything constructed, placed, or erected on the ground, or attached to something already existing on the ground, with or without a durable foundation, whether temporary or permanent. Among other things, “Structure” includes Buildings, Manufactured Homes, Pre-Site-Built Housing and Accessory Buildings. “Structure” also includes retaining walls over 4’ in height, decks or platforms, concrete pads or slabs, temporary carports, sheds over 60 square feet in size, greenhouses, and anything built or constructed outside for Accessory Uses. The following are excluded from the definition of “Structure”: lawn furniture, portable barbeque grills, free standing hot tubs (not including the deck, pad or slab on which it is placed), heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) Equipment, Essential Services Equipment (cabinets for switching, connecting and distributing electric power, telephone, cable and fiber optics), stand-by generators, wells and well heads serving individual Lots, propane tanks serving individual residential properties, landscaped features, fences, stone walls, animal shelters under 40 square feet, children’s swing sets, dumpsters, temporary portable toilets, flagpoles, sandboxes, playhouses under 40 square feet and other playground Equipment, Signs and Sign installation devices (see Article II, Section 10), tents used for camping or temporary functions and gatherings. For Floodplain management purposes only, “Structure” means a walled and roofed Building, including a gas or liquid storage tank principally above ground, as well as a Manufactured Home.

Language for the 2025 Town Warrant

Article \_\_, Amendment Number 4

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article XV, Definitions, of the Sutton Zoning and Building Ordinance, to change the definition of Structure to exclude a variety of common household accessories and utilities that are currently captured by the existing definition. The full text of the proposed amendment is posted at the Sutton Town Hall and on the Sutton Web Page.