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Carolyn Misch from Northampton's planning dept. talked to a group of 20 BSA members and neighbors about zoning changes for the Wire Works and for Yankee Hill.

Yankee Hill has just moved from its historic site at the end of Ladd Ave. to Easthampton. It's zoning will be changed from "industrial" to "residential," with the 1st floor remaining office/industrial (O/I). The people renting there will not have to work in the "industrial" section of the building, as has been the case in times past. It also owns the vacant lot opposite the Bamboo restaurant; this land will also be "residential."

The Wire Works, the oldest factory site in this neighborhood of water-run mills, has been zoned "residential" since it was vacated by the wire co., and bought by Herb. Berezin 20 years ago. The site includes the parking lot across Federal St. plus all the bank on both sides of the river down to the "red barn." This area is being rezoned "Office-Industrial." Much of it is on a flood plain. It has never had residents, except for raccoons. The driving school operating in one of the moldy offices will now be legal.

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