

# Strong Support for Downtown Darien Development Project

A developer hopes to reinvigorate downtown and is seeking zoning changes to do so.  
Darien, CT

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*Editor's note: We previously shared this story, but here it is again in case you missed it.*

DARIEN, CT- A large crowd turned out Tuesday to the Planning and Zoning meeting to discuss proposed zoning changes to downtown.

Baywater Properties is seeking a zoning change that **would allow buildings up to six stories**, according to the Darien Times. The current max is three stories with a max height of 45 feet.

The tallest proposed building would be 85-feet-high and others would range between three and five stories. Two store owners who rent from Baywater Properties and the director of the Chamber of Commerce **gave support to the project** in hopes that it will boost the retail environment downtown, according to the Darienite.

Principal at Baywater David Genovese said the area isn't pedestrian friendly and the shopping experience

downtown is weak compared to other neighboring towns and that there are a lot of vacancies. The redevelopment should change that, he said.