

Increasing Public Participation in EFSB and DPU Proceedings

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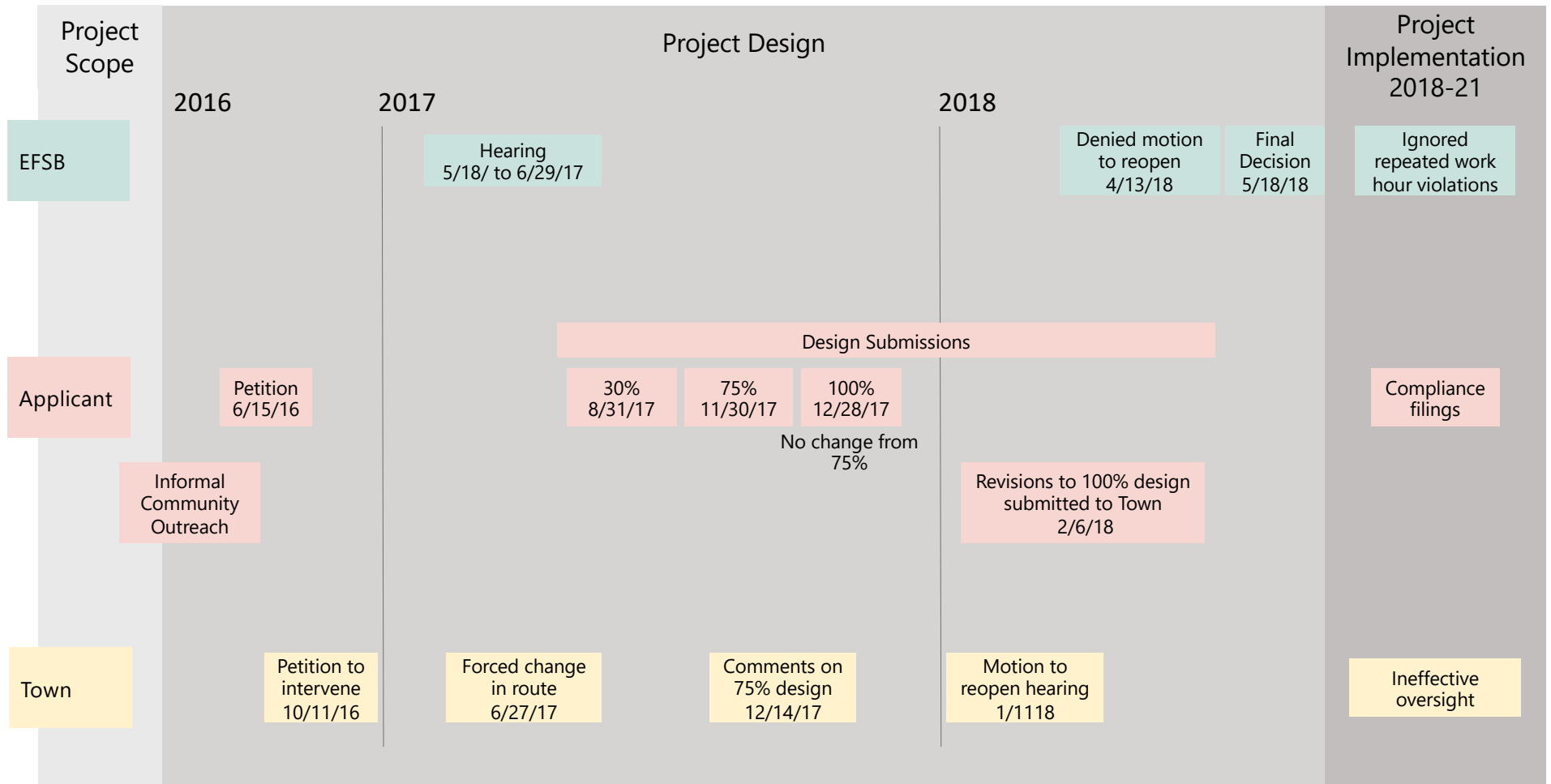
d. Discuss alternative methods that the Department or the Siting Board could employ to maximize public involvement in the public comment and hearing process.

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Why don't Cities and Towns participate?

Why don't Cities and Towns participate **effectively**?

Needham Experience



Needed:

Structural protection of local community
interests in the formal process

Improved notice procedures may have a marginal impact.

Notices should

- ▶ come much earlier,
- ▶ be more frequent, and
- ▶ provide more explicit guidance.

The inherent problems of these proceedings
cannot be cured with better notice alone.

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