

Town of Norwell
BYLAW REVIEW COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes of September 12, 2018

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, September 12, 2018
TIME SCHEDULED: 6:00 P.M.
LOCATION: Meeting Room 3
MEMBERS PRESENT: Sally I. Turner, Chair (at large)
Lois S. Barbour, Vice-Chair (ZBA)
John Litchfield, Board of Health
Brendan Sullivan, Planning Board Chair
Robert Woodill, Conservation Commission
MEMBERS ABSENT: Jason Brown, Board of Selectmen
(At Large Vacancy)
OTHERS PRESENT: Robert W. Galvin, Town Counsel (arr. 6:33 P.M.)
Anthony “Tony” J. Riley (arr. 6:33 P.M.)

Chair Turner called the meeting to order in Meeting Room 3 at 6:07 P.M.

AGENDA: Upon a motion duly made and seconded, members present **VOTED** to approve the agenda, as written.

MINUTES: No minutes were presented.

DISCUSSION: The purpose of the meeting was to approve outstanding items relating to the General Bylaw and Zoning Bylaw recodification and determine the committee’s response to the remaining items on the list presented by Chair Turner, including the following:

General Bylaw: The only substantive discussion about the General Bylaw pertained to the long outstanding changes to that document, necessitated by adoption of a new Town Charter in 2012. Upon arrival of Town Counsel with his new associate, discussion on that item resumed. Members again indicated these changes must be incorporated into the General Bylaw at the same time as adoption of the recodification votes—or the General Bylaw will have many sections that are in conflict with the Charter.

Town Counsel said he anticipated such an effort would require approximately 10-14 hours of work and could be completed by October 1st. Chair Turner gave Bob Galvin a copy of an updated list of committee appointments that should be included in the revision. However, the appointing authority of some has changed.

Zoning Bylaw: The discussion from the last meeting continued relating to how tables should be included in light of General Code’s recommendations and practice. Marshfield and other General Code towns were cited as examples of how Norwell’s recodification could be handled with links from the relevant bylaw to the table. It was agreed the current

tables should be reviewed and evaluated for consistency and any future amendment, if desired. (N.B. One does not preclude the other, as both may be included.)

The Town Clerk has received and shared the Attorney General's approvals of the 2018 ATM warrant articles that have been forwarded to General Code for inclusion in the recodification documents and warrant articles.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: TBD

These minutes have been approved with reading of the minutes waived by unanimous vote of the Norwell Bylaw Review Committee at a public meeting duly noticed and held on _____, in accordance with the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Clerk/Alternate Clerk

Copy filed with: Office of Town Clerk

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