

Town of Norwell
BYLAW REVIEW COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes of March 15, 2018

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, March 15, 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)
Jason Brown, Board of Selectmen (arv. 6:08)
Brian M. Greenberg (at large)
Donald A. Mauch, Planning Board
David M. Osborne, Clerk (Conservation Commission)
MEMBERS ABSENT: John Litchfield, Board of Health

Chair Turner called the meeting to order in Meeting Room 3 at 6:04 P.M.

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

MINUTES: Upon a motion duly made and seconded, members present **VOTED** to approve the minutes of 3/8/17 and 1/17/18, with reading of the minutes waived. Member Greenberg abstained.

DISCUSSION: The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the status of the General Bylaw and Zoning Bylaw recodification and determine what, if any, warrant articles might be needed for the Spring 2018 ATM.

Recodification: Chair Turner noted the preliminary draft, dated 2/28/18, from General Code was received in early March. Although electronic copies have been emailed to all members, paper copies of the General and Zoning Bylaw sections are being copied through the BoS Office. This revision incorporates all changes submitted to General Code in the "Editorial and Legal Review" responses. Although members had hoped to present recodification articles for approval at the Spring 2018 ATM, members agreed it would be difficult to complete the needed document review in time for consideration this spring.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, members present **VOTED** unanimously to recommend deferral of action on the recodification of the Town's General and Zoning Bylaws.

Charter/General Bylaw conformance: Among other issues previously discussed by this committee is the necessity to conform the Town's General Bylaw with the Town Charter, approved at ATM in 2011 and finally approved by the Legislature in 2012. Although this issue has been raised multiple times since the Committee was charged with the additional responsibility of review of the General Bylaw in Spring 2016, no legal language has been written incorporating requisite changes to present to an ATM. One possible solution was proposed and acclaimed by members to address this long-outstanding issue. The Chair will pursue the potential resolution of this matter, including funding thereof.

Articles Proposing Amendments to current General Bylaw or Zoning Bylaw: Members discussed the following proposed General Bylaw amendments that had previously been emailed to members:

1. Electric meters not on street
2. Road opening – special permits during 5-year moratorium
3. Snow plowing private ways (plow list)

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, members present **VOTED** unanimously to support Articles 1 and 2 above with appropriate warrant article placement wording to be drafted.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, members present with Member Turner abstaining **VOTED** to support Article 3 above with appropriate warrant article placement wording to be drafted.

Members also acknowledged a proposed article [for the Division of Inspections section of the General Bylaw] but did not vote, as the wording was not available for review at that time.

Finally, a short discussion ensued relating to establishment of a collateral damage escrow account to fund any needed repairs to public roadways damaged due to private construction projects. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, members present **VOTED** unanimously to support that concept with wording to be drafted. [N.B. This article may not be required, as a member was informed by Town Counsel that the Planning Board could impose this requirement within its decision.]

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 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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