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Notice of Public Meeting – (As required by G.L. c. 30A, c. §18-25)

DEPT./BOARD: Bylaw Review Committee
DATE: Tuesday, October 15, 2019
TIME: 6:30 p.m.
PLACE: Town Hall Annex, Room B

Agenda

1. To approve minutes of previous meeting.
2. Community Preservation Act (CPA) committee General article on May Town Meeting Warrant requesting the TM approve a ballot question for November 2020 asking Burlington residents whether they wish to accept the MGL 44B sections 3-7, the Community Preservation Act.– Shari Lewis
3. Proposed amendment to TMM to require attendance at least 50% of meetings during term in order to automatically be placed on ballot for next term and avoid canvassing for signatures – Betsy Hughes
4. Article 7 of Bylaws – covers Treasurer/Tax Collector position and still references something about the position requiring election to position; Requires language clean-up. – Amy Warfield.





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Bylaw Review Committee Minutes

DATE: October 15, 2019 PLACE: Town Hall Annex – Meeting Room B

Attendees

Committee Members present: Wendy Guthro, Sandra MacKay, David Miller Absent: None

Other Attendees:

Shari Ellis, Betsy Hughes, William Boivin

Meeting called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Wendy Guthro, acting Chairperson

Topics

1. Minutes

Voted to delay approving minutes of last two meetings.

Motion: To postpone voting on minutes (Moved: Guthro, Second: MacKay, 3-0-0)

2. CPA presented by Shari Ellis and Bill Boivin.

Community Preservation Act.

- Review Warrant Article for form.
- Step 1 is to ask Town Meeting to place proposed Article on the ballot, not the Warrant
- We can ask Amy Warfield about process of adding MGL centered bylaw into our bylaw... adoption at end of Burlington Bylaw, but with variation noted.
- CPA will consider composition of committee for Step 3 after passage and who will be the appointing body (moderator/selectmen).
- Where in the Bylaw will it stand - - on its own or what parts of Bylaw need to be amended to fit all the elements of a newly accepted bylaw.

3. Attendance Standard by Betsy Hughes

Betsy Hughes. 50% attendance required for auto renewal of TMM to be on the ballot.

1. Who can run? Any registered voter of the Town shall be eligible for election to the Town Meeting.
2. Process of submitting and content. New candidate: Nomination papers. Incumbent: Nomination

| Incumbent Candidate | Non-incumbent candidate |
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| Registered voter | Registered voter |
| Bear no other political designation | Bear no other political designation |
| Process to get on ballot | |
| If attendance standard is met (50% or more meeting sessions) Give written notice to Town Clerk 21 days in advance of nomination paper filing deadline. (49 days prior to the election??) If attendance standard is not met: follow Non incumbent candidate process). | Nomination papers Submitted 35 days in advance of the election for Reg of Voters to certify the 10 voters. |





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| | Signed by 10 voters within your precinct |
| | Town Clerk to Submit nomination papers 28 days in advance of the election |
| Placement on ballot | |
| Candidate for re-election designation and on top of ballot listing | Placement on ballot by lottery by Town Clerk...for initial election(?) versus normally. |
| Re-election process for incumbent | |

Nomination of candidates for TMM to be elected shall be made by.....

To Do: Ask Amy what “Bear no other political designation means.”

Consider verbiage for attendance standard:

“Provided said Town Meeting Member has attended 50% or more of the Town Meeting sessions held during the term of office whether or not a quorum is present or any business is conducted. Shall follow the process of a non-incumbent candidate.

4. Article 7 of Bylaw

Put off till next meeting.

5. Any other business

Next meeting scheduled for November 19, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Items for next meeting:

- Approve Minutes
- Review Attendance Standard
- Review Article 7

6. Adjourn (3-0-0)

