DEPT./BOARD: Bylaw Review Committee
DATE: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 6:45 PM
PLACE: Town Hall Annex – Meeting Room B

Meeting Posting

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

Proposed Agenda – Rev 1

- Review & approve prior meeting minutes
- Discussion of results of January Town Meeting
- Discussion of results from meeting with ZBRC
- Small Cell Wireless
- Discussion of bylaw changes to be considered for May Town Meeting
  - Rename Bylaw Review Committee
  - Delete Town Facilities Committee
- Any other business
- Adjourn
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Committee Members:
Present: Wendy Guthro, Sandra MacKay, David Miller, Adam Tigges, Larry Warfield
Other Attendees: Myrna Saltman

Topics

1. Review & approve prior meeting minutes
   Motion: To approve as updated (Move: MacKay, Second: Miller, 5-0-0)

2. Replacement of Town Meeting Members (Myrna Saltman)

Ms. Saltman voiced her concerns about whether Town Meeting is truly representative of its electorate. She has analyzed TMM attendance and has found issues. Myrna is also concerned how few people are involved in the process to fill vacant positions. By researching other towns she has discovered there are many different methods. Some towns have town precinct captains, others provide X days of notice to fill vacancies, other towns require a quorum of the precinct representatives. Once appointed in some towns a person is allowed to run as an incumbent, in others they cannot.

These comments triggered a lively discussion, however without a concrete proposal the committee took no action. After discussing the warrant submission deadlines, Ms. Saltman said she would probably work to develop a proposal for the September Town Meeting. The committee offered to work with her during the drafting process to avoid issues during our review process.

3. Discussion of results of January Town Meeting
   3.2. Moderator 2/3 voting – passed, events during that town meeting helped reinforce the benefit of this article.

4. Discussion of results from meeting with ZBRC
   Member Warfield summarized the topics discussed with the Zoning Bylaw Review committee. Though we have different subject areas, we have common issues. One area of common interest is refining the process to work with Town Counsel and the warrant article review cycle. Our committee offered to work collaboratively with them when it would be beneficial.

5. Small Cell Wireless – Chairman Tigges provided the committee with an overview of the technology and briefed us on some of the activities of the Small Cell Committee. The main point of the discussion was to alert us that some of the Small Cell committee’s actions may result in the need to make changes to the town’s bylaws. If they do, it is currently unclear whether those would be to the General Bylaws, the Zoning Bylaws or both.
6. Discussion of bylaw changes to be considered for May Town Meeting
   6.1. Rename Bylaw Review Committee – with the creation of the Zoning Bylaw Review Committee it is appropriate to rename our committee to make clear that our scope is the general bylaws of the town. The committee reviewed the proposed change. Motion: To approve (Move: Guthro, Second: MacKay, 5-0-0)

6.2. Delete Town Facilities Committee – though members have been appointed there is no record of this committee meeting since 2010. Chairman Tigges will reach out to current appointees to understand why. If this activity is better handled by an ad hoc committee, as required our committee will revisit whether it should be deleted.

7. Adjourn (5-0-0)