Date: Sept 11, 2018 - Town Hall Annex – Meeting Room B

Committee Members:
Present: Wendy Guthro, Sandra MacKay, David Miller, Adam Tigges, Larry Warfield  Absent: None
Other Attendees: Lucy Damiani, Shari Ellis, Bob Hogan, Stevan Shah, Ricky Vittum, Laura Vittum

Topics
I. Discussion of Town Meeting Bylaw Section Articles not originating with BRC
   I.1 Town Treasurer - Change to Appointed Position

   Selectman Hogan presented that the logic behind putting this forward at this time and fielded questions. That with the importance of the role and professional skill required that in the future the town should not leave to chance that a suitably qualified resident would choose to run for this office. Though Brian Curtin has expressed his interest in retiring, he plans to run for reelection to ensure that Burlington is not faced with too many simultaneous transitions in key roles (Town Administrator, Town Accountant).

   Chairman Tigges also asked whether we would need to update the bylaws. Article III, Section 1.0 would have to be updated if this matter is approved by both Town Meeting and by the voters at the annual Town Election.

   Motion: To support the article as printed in the warrant (Move: Miller, Second: McKay, 3-0-1)

   I.2 Chapter 194 Acts of 1986; Adoption of Town of Burlington Scholarship Fund

   Ms. Damiani & Ellis presented the background history behind the fund and how it has grown. Over time the tax check-off has become a minor component of the scholarships issued. The intent is to reestablish this fund to be overseen by the selectmen. In reaccepting this article we would also be adopting the revisions that became effecting in November of 2016. The goal would not to be to grow this into a competitor to the Scholarship Foundation, but simply to receive and disburse monies received from the tax check-off program.

   Motion: To support the article as revised and to be submitted in the motion. (Move: Tigges, Second: McKay, 4-0-0)

   I.3 Town Moderator – Increase Term to Three Years

   Ms. Saltman had previously presented the logic behind her article to the BRC. This item was purely to adopt a position.

   Motion: To support the article as printed in the warrant. (Move: McKay, Second: Miller, 4-0-0)

   I.4 Regulation of Retail Checkout Bags

   Mr. Shah & Vittum presented their revised article and discussed changes since the last time. One typographical error has crept into the version in the warrant. Section 2.15.2.4 should read “Single Use plastic bag – a plastic checkout bag less than 3 mils think”. The committee thanked the proponents for taking our feedback to heart. This revision is much improved over the first submission.

   The committee raised some questions concerning exemptions for hanging garment bags and the definition of small business including the phrase publicly held. Members also identified that there were minor spelling, grammatical and punctuation issues that need to be addressed. As a result the sense of the committee is that they would not be in a position to vote favorably on this item at this time.
To provide the proponents time to address these issues. They proposed the following:

- Mr. Shah will contact the Selectmen’s office to determine the deadline for submitting revised text for the motion.
- The BRC members will forward their minor grammatical and similar comments to member Warfield by Saturday, who will consolidate & transmit to the proponents.
- The proponents will address, revise and transmit a revised copy to member McKay for review & feedback prior to the submission deadline.
- The committee will schedule a special meeting on the 24th just prior to Town Meeting to review and adopt their position at that time.

2. Review & approve prior meeting minutes

Motion: Approve minutes as submitted (Move: Tigges, Second: Miller, 4-0-0)

3. Review of BRC submitted articles as modified by Town Counsel (Construction Hours, Litter, & Moderator – Two Thirds Voting)

After review the only article that has been modified was Construction Hours article. Member Miller said the changes were minor and insignificant. The committee let their prior votes stand without further action.

4. Any other business

Informational Meetings – The committee determined that September 20 was the best day for the committee to represent their articles at the Town Clerk’s informational meeting for Town Meeting Members.

October Meeting – Chairman Tigges confirmed that none of the members present had a schedule conflict due the holiday meeting immediately proceeding

5. Adjourn (4-0-0)