DEPT./BOARD: Bylaw Review Committee

DATE: Tuesday, July 10, 2018

TIME: 6:45 PM

PLACE: Town Hall Annex – Meeting Room B

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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
- Construction Hours (Miller)
- Art III§11 - Town Meeting Rules of Debate (Voting)
- Art XIV§2.9 – Littering (Warfield)
- Any other business
- Adjourn
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Minutes
Committee Members:
Present: David Miller, Adam Tigges, Larry Warfield, joined in progress Wendy Guthro, Sandra MacKay,    Absent: None
Other Attendees: Myrna Saltman

Topics
1. Review & approve prior meeting minutes
   (Moved to approve: Miller, Second Warfield, 3-0-0)

2. Moderator Term Limit
   Ms. Saltman reviewed the history of her proposed amendment. The committee has no problems with the wording of the amendment, but didn’t develop a position on the substance of the change. According to MGL the term must be either one or three years. Ms. Saltman needs to develop the backup and submit the article to the Selectmen’s office prior to the deadline.

   Member Warfield raised two points that he will follow up with Ms. Saltman. They were:
   • He had previously researched instances of the town changing the term of office. Previous changes did not have timing language on the bylaw, but there is language which should be included on the article & motion.
   • He also raised questions if submitted for the September Town Meeting could all the steps required for implementation be completed in time for the 2019 election, or would it become effective in 2020.

3. Committee Organization – the committee elected the following positions
   a. Chair: Adam Tigges (Moved: Guthro, Second: Miller, 5-0-0)
   b. Vice-chair: Wendy Guthro (Moved: Adam, Second Sandra, 5-0-0)
   c. Secretary: Larry Warfield (Moved: Sandra, Second: Adam, 5-0-0)

4. Renumbering Bylaws
   Member Tigges brought forward the language from the email received from Town Counsel via the Town Clerk. While most members have received the email, they had not read it enough to discuss the content. The discussion revolved around where it could possibly be inserted into the bylaws. Options discussed included under Town Clerk responsibilities, under Records Management, or Article I, Section. 10 and renumber subsequent sections.

5. Construction Hours
   Member Miller recapped the discussions he had with representatives from the Planning, Building and Police departments. Their feedback was incorporated and the committee discussed the article as revised. The majority of our discussion was wrestling with the issue that as written homeowners would be prohibited from personally performing construction activities. The consensus was that this needed to be corrected, but we struggled to find appropriate language that provides homeowners latitude in working on their primary residence, without allowing commercial construction.

6. Town Meeting Rules of Debate (Voting) – Article III Section 11
   Member Warfield presented a revised version of this bylaw that the committee had previously discussed. The only substantive change was to update the section on voting to provide for voting by raising of hands and to allow the Moderator to call 2/3 votes when the result is obvious. Since we are updating this section, he has also rearranged the paragraphs and added titles to improve readability.

   (Motion: To approve the revision as edited by the committee: Moved: Guthro, Second: Warfield, 5-0-0)
. Littering – Article XIV Section 2.9
Littering appears in two different places in the bylaws with different fines. (Article XIII, Section 1.23.4 Littering & Article XIV Section 2.10 Litter Control) Member Warfield presented a version that combines the two under Article XIV and removes the range on the fine. The committee discussed and updated.

(Motion: To approve the revision as edited by the committee: Moved: MacKay Second: Miller, 5-0-0)

7. Adjourn (5-0-0)