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

DEPT./BOARD: RULES COMMITTEE
DATE: Monday March 19th 2018
TIME: 7:00PM – 8:30PM
PLACE: Town Hall Annex Room B

Agenda

Secretary’s Report – Review and approve minutes from January 11th Rules Committee meeting

Rules Committee will review and discuss the available warrant articles for May Town Meeting in order to help anticipate questions that may arise at informational meetings which may occur ahead of Town Meeting. Town Clerk Amy Warfield will be present at the meeting to assist.
Members Present: Paul Girouard, Jim Patterson, Eileen Sickler, Eleanor O'Connell, Gary Kasky, Myrna Saltman, Mark Woods, Adam Senesi

Also present: Amy Warfield, Town Clerk

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM

Meeting minutes from January 11, 2018 were reviewed and approved by a vote of 7-0-0.

The purpose this Rules Committee meeting was to review and discuss the available Warrant articles for May Town Meeting in order to help anticipate questions that may arise at informational meetings which may occur ahead of Town Meeting.

The Rules Committee asked Amy Warfield about the Warrant Articles that deal with zoning. Amy explained that the various zones in town have use tables that define what is allowable within each of these zones.

With respect to enforcement of zoning, Amy Warfield pointed out that it must first be determined if an issue falls under the jurisdiction of a zoning by-law, or, if it involves an issue with a roadway in town, then it is something that falls under traffic law.

Prior to Town Meeting, any zoning related Warrant Articles reviewed by the Rules Committee that seem unclear or require more detail would need to be brought to the attention of the Planning Board at a Planning Board meeting for their consideration.

The Rules Committee also asked what Board in town is responsible for reviewing requests for signage and we were informed it is under the purview of the Planning Board.

With respect to the Burlington Town Budget, Warrant Articles may be added to address any additional requests for amounts beyond an initial appropriation. Cost of Living (COLAs) increases are also handles via a Warrant Article.

Amy also pointed out that the state Attorney General must review and approve all by-laws approved by Town Meeting, which may delay the Town of Burlington enacting this approval for up to 90 days. If the Town does not hear back from the Attorney General’s office within 90 days the approved by-law will take effect.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 PM.

Submitted, Mark Woods, Rules Committee Secretary, TMM Precinct 7