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DEPT./BOARD: RULES COMMITTEE
DATE: Monday April 9th 2018
TIME: 7:00PM – 8:30PM
PLACE: Town Hall Annex Room B

Agenda

Secretary's Report – Review and approve minutes from March 19th 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.



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Rules Committee Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2018

Members Present: Paul Girouard, Jim Patterson, Eileen Sickler, Eleanor O'Connell, Gary Kasky, Roger Riggs, Joan Hastings, Adam Senesi

Also present: Amy Warfield, Town Clerk

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

Meeting minutes from March 19, 2018 were reviewed and approved by a vote of 6-2-0.

The purpose of 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 expected to occur two weeks before Town Meeting.

The first Warrant article for discussion was the "Appointed vs Elected" Treasurer position. With the upcoming retirement of the current Treasurer in spring 2019, the rule, if changed, has to happen on or before January 1, 2019. Because it's currently an elected position, no technical qualifications are needed.

The next Warrant article was "Bring your own bag" an ordinance regarding the use of recyclable and reusable bags. Amy noted the By-Law Review committee has issues with the current wording and plans to speak with the petitioner. We also talked about the impact of the holidays and suggested the effective date be moved from December 1, 2018 to January 1, 2019. It was also suggested that a presentation like the one used in the recent Arlington town meeting for the same issue be used for May town meeting.

The next Warrant article was the request for 10 additional liquor licenses related to the Simon Property Group. As with the other articles, there was no backup. The committee suggested information be included with the expected presentation such as number of licenses and to whom granted by year over the last 10 years as well as the number of licenses currently held by Simon Property Group. We also suggested the information include how many of the current licenses are beer and wine vs. full liquor licenses. Additionally how the current licenses are treated once the establishment goes out of business (are they returned to the Town or sold privately by the then holder of the license).

The zoning by-laws that are next on the Warrant were discussed at the Rules Committee meeting on March 9, 2018 and there were no further comments.

The last article is for sign regulation and the presentation/wording of the article was confusing. In addition the wording should make clear the definition of the 100,000 sq. ft. restriction.

A general comment about all the articles was they need to be better worded and have consistent formatting. Also we noted there was essentially no backup which we hoped would be subsequently added before the Warrant is issued.

Amy mentioned there will be two informational meetings whose dates haven't been decided as of this meeting but they will be held approximately two weeks before Town Meeting.

Paul Girouard said there will be no Rules Committee meeting in May due to town meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Submitted, Eileen Sickler, Acting Rules Committee Secretary, TMM Precinct 4