

Bylaw Review Meeting Minutes
September 26, 2019

Members Present: Alisa Brewer, Bernie Kubiak, Bob Ritchie (Chair), Evan Ross

Members Absent: Patricia De Angelis,

Staff Present: Geoff Kravitz

Member of the public present: Rebecca Schwartz

Convened at 2:04 PM

Rebecca Schwartz citizen's comment: advocates adding a bylaw prohibiting the use of wild or exotic animals in programs, displays or circuses in Amherst. Ritchie explains that while our mandate would not allow us to craft language to include this in the bylaws, but the committee can offer a comment and recommendation to the Council in our report.

Crosswalk table out, draft 7 is posted. How should this be presented to the Council? As a parliamentary matter, this could be a serial motion, with a series of votes taken on each section. Discussion as to how to present this, how the Council may want to take it up. Review of Kravitz's work to draft a report using the former report at a template, including future considerations. Committee members should send recommendations for inclusion to Kravitz.

Draft 7: Evan suggests we give the Council a preliminary review, provide the report, offer a comment period to give the Committee an opportunity to respond, then go back to the Council for first reading. Councilors could be invited to meet with the Committee to review comments, then present the Council with a final report. Look to have the first reading be on the Council's agenda on December 2nd. Notice of Council given on 10/21, release the report to the council 10/29, request comments by 11/5, get a revised report by November 22 and post to bulletin board, set first reading of December 2, second vote for December 16th.

Meet 2:00 on November 8th to take up council comments. Set an "if needed" meeting for Friday, November 18th.

For October 3rd meeting, review 7A, look to discuss unresolved issues. Minor errors should be reported to Kravitz in advance of the meeting. Meet Tuesday, October 15th at 4:00 to discuss draft report. Decision is to post the October 3rd meeting to hold the time but it may be canceled. Draft report available on or before October 7th.

Meeting adjourned at 3:37 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Bernie Kubiak, Clerk

Documents referred to:
Draft 7 of the Town Bylaws