

Bylaw Review Meeting Minutes  
October 30, 2019

Members Present: Alisa Brewer, Patricia De Angelis, Bernie Kubiak, Bob Ritchie (Chair), Evan Ross.  
Staff Present: Geoff Kravitz

No members of the public present

Meeting convened at 8:15 AM

Review of draft bylaws, sections discussed regarding changes:

3.22 Discharge of Firearms – clarification of paragraph, question the exemption of shotguns and airguns will be noted in the remarks to the council. Bylaw adds humane dispatch of animals to the MGL, omits some ceremonial uses from the MGL. Leave reference to bow and arrows.

3.24 Unlawful noise – clarify section C(2) as “non-owner occupied rental property”

3.25 Keg Licensing – remark to council that they may consider delegating licensing to the Police rather than Board of Licensing Commissioners; delete section A “Purpose”.

3.26 Nuisance House – waiting on town attorney comments on response costs. Consistent definition of Alcoholic Beverage, Alcohol moved to definition section, leave references to beverages in bylaw to avoid confusion. Owner of record, as listed on tax assessor’s records – add or, if known, the owner of record identified in the registry of deeds.

3.27 EPS foam – discussion of capitalization, suggestion is to include in the administrative section that an attempt was made to capitalize all defined terms. Note to council to take a look at the definition of polystyrene and expanded polystyrene.

3.28 Single Use Plastic Bag: eliminate ASTM standard reference as it was part of the former preamble. Deferment discussion: clarify the deferment process in the Foam bylaw, leave the plastic bag deferment process as it stands in this bylaw.

3.31 Wetland Protection – general agreement that Ritchie’s comments be rolled into the report to the council. Note that K1 should be moved to the “working” section of the bylaw and emphasized as a key component. Change reference to “state” to Commonwealth. Effective date is as of acceptance of the Charter

3.34 Sign regulations – waiting on town attorney opinion.

3.36 Soliciting - strike “weekly or daily” in Soliciting definition, add or non-commercial into the definition, note that council should revisit the Exceptions section regarding non-commercial activities. Modified language to “seeking contributions”.

3.37 Pawnbrokers: personal moral character is frequently used in the General Laws but recommend to the council to revise this language.

3.39 Snow and Ice – delete reference to use of wheelchairs.

3.42 Junked vehicles – needs overall revision, recommendation to that effect.

3.43 – Recreational Vehicles Near Residences: owner may give advance authorization to one or more individuals by posting of appropriate notice.

3.44 Emergency Access: add “preemptive provisions” before state building code in Section B

3.48 Local Historic Districts: need to reconcile with any future sign bylaws. Bylaw should be cross reference with the zoning bylaws.

3.49 Residential Rental Bylaw – move up definitions section in the bylaw. Add singular use of term includes the plural when the context so indicates to definition section. Need future consideration of the responsible person definition. Identify the appropriate official for submission of applications. Parking site plan in the bylaw is in addition to what is required under zoning.

For the next meeting, finish the remaining three bylaws and review a draft report. Look to keep the November 5<sup>th</sup> deadline for a report, with the disclaimer that the report will be refined and resubmitted following their comments.

Adjourned at 11:05 AM

Respectfully submitted,  
Bernie Kubiak, Clerk

Documents referred to:  
Draft Town Bylaws, version 7