

Bylaw Review Meeting Minutes  
November 15, 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 2:02PM

Fire Chief Tim Nelson joined the meeting to discuss 3.44 Emergency Access bylaw: language in the bylaw is already covered by state law and/or regulation. State fire code is preemptive and Chief Nelson is concerned about potential duplication and misunderstanding. Kravitz suggest putting a note in Section 1.1 N indicating there is a need to review all applicable state and federal laws or regulations that may preempt the town's bylaws.

TIF bylaw: decision is to include the TIF bylaw in the final version.

Minutes of October 30 and November 1, 2019, approved by unanimous consent.

Comments by councilors to the draft bylaws:

Comments were received from two councilors. Comments regarding grammar, punctuation and the like that have no impact on the Committee's recommendations were accepted and incorporated into Bylaw Draft 8B. Other edits were reviewed and, in general accepted. Substantive changes were either incorporated into recommendations for future council action or will be responded to in a separate document.

A complete listing of all edits and comments may be found in Bylaw Draft 9, November 15, 2019, in the review pane.

On the matter of a Special Board of Appeals, the statute cited in the bylaw, MGL Ch. 41 §81R makes no mention of a such a board. Ritchie will research this and report back for future consideration.

Regulation of signs: it was noted that the regulation of signs in the Zoning bylaw is deals with private property. The General bylaws applies to public property. Zoning bylaws differ in enforcement from General bylaws and zoning enforcement is comprehensively dealt with in state law and local regulations.

Next meeting will be November 22, 2:00 to 5:00 PM, for the purpose of reviewing the final reports to the council.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bernie Kubiak, Clerk

Documents referred to:  
Comments by Councilors (spreadsheet)  
Bylaws Draft 8B