

MINUTES
By-Law Study Committee
March 24, 2016 - 6:00 PM
Town Office Building, Conference Room 1

PRESENT: John Broderick, Ed Lennon, Judi Theocles, Dave Sanders, Anna Levine and Beverly Litchfield.

Call to order: Meeting was called to order by Chairman John at 6:04 p.m.

Immediately following the opening of the meeting, Dave Sanders made multiple motions. They were: **Motion** to not have the meeting go longer than 2 hours. Motion was seconded by Anna Levine. Vote was four (4) in favor and one (1) against. Motion carried.

Motion to not spend more than 15 minutes on any one topic. This was seconded by Judi Theocles but following the discussion both persons reversed their motion (withdrawn).

Motion to take up the "Chicken By-law" first (out of order) this evening. Motion was seconded by Anna Levine. Motion carried with four (4) in favor and one (1) against.

- I. **Acceptance of minutes:** Did not vote on February 18th minutes this meeting.
- II. **New Member:** All welcomed Anna Levine to our committee. Mike Mannix resigned in February making this vacancy.
- III. **Town Meeting – May 16:** No discussion except what was noted in Old Business section.
- IV. **Discussion of final edit of by-laws:** See section VI for items discussed.
- V. **New proposed by-laws – Traffic, Marijuana, Littering:**
- VI. **Old business: Chicken By-law (taken up first due to motion made at beginning of meeting)** – Dave explained to Anna how this request came about. Anna suggested, if the by-law went forward, placing this near the Dog by-law which sounded like a good idea. We could use number 605. Dave stated he would bring the final wording to the next meeting. Side note – Chairman John thinks we should hold off submitting revised by-laws for a year. Not all agreed with this process. Chairman John stated he was concerned that no one has really reviewed/edited by-law document and he would like all to do so. Discussion was held. Anna explained what is sent to the Attorney General. Bev asked if we need approval from the Selectmen to put off bringing the document to town meeting this year. Judi brought up the recall by-law and the chicken by-law. John was concerned that they weren't ready for this town meeting. Others had some concern also. John will email Dave some concerns about the chicken by-law if we hope to go forward. Ed mentioned the cut off dates he had to face last year to make the warrant. **Motion** made by Anna Levine to table the chicken by-law until our next meeting. Ed Lennon seconded the motion. Passed with three (3) in favor and one (1)

abstained. Ed Lennon presented his items and handed out new copies to all. Some slight tweaking was noted but all in all they were great. Ed waited for tonight's meeting before sending them to Candace, Nick and the Board of Selectmen. They will now be forwarded to them. It was noted that there was a minor change to the Tree Warden/Pest Control by-law. The Dumpster by-law is not ready yet. Is there another way to handle this one? Concerning Dog Officer by-law – section 604.1 – do we remove immediately? Section 407 (Dog Officer) what do we need here? Ed will speak to Mike Masley on what he thinks about requiring certification after so much time.

VII. Public comment: None

VIII. Next meeting date: March 31, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

IX. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Judi Theocles and seconded by Anna Levine. Approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Beverly J. Litchfield, Clerk

Minutes approved: June 27, 2016