

MINUTES
By-Law Study Committee
March 31, 2016 – 5:30 PM
Town Office Building, Selectmen’s Meeting Room

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 5:38 p.m.

- I. Town Meeting Warrant Articles/New By-Laws:** Chairman John updated the committee on a call from the town administrator on some by-laws that were sent to him. A handout was provided to the committee for discussion. What determines “stand alone or included in document”? The committee tried to determine this status. John will speak to the town administrator again after this meeting. **Motion** made by Anna Levine and seconded by Dave Sanders to approve the handout from the town administrator noting these following changes:

53(d) – explanation is incorrect. Re-write explanation,

54(f) – should be re-written as 53(f)

53(a) – have language live in article – no exhibits

53(b) – have language live in article – no exhibits

53(g) – have language live in article – no exhibits

Add 53(h) to list to reference 412 warrant posters – removal of all

53(i) – change 409 to add sentence of making Constables serve as warrant posters. Change term of Constable to 3 years.

Vote on motion passed by unanimous vote. John and Ed will finalize document for the town administrator and get it to him on Monday.

- II. Discussion of final edit of by-laws:** direction of putting off final by-law document until next year was supported by the committee. **Motion** was made by Ed Lennon and seconded by Anna Levine to put off final by-law document until town meeting 2017. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- III. Old business – chickens, recall election/provision:** (taken out of order) Rob Anderson from the Agricultural Commission called John to discuss the chicken by-law. Rob would like to monitor this for a year. John stated this by-law would provide guidance if someone wanted to have chickens. Rob stated that Ag. Comm. would have no opinion on this at town meeting. It is very confusing on Selectmen’s preference. Dave was asked to review the proposed chicken by-law section by section with the committee. Lengthy discussion ensued. Dave will speak to John Pearsall, Dir. Of Planning, concerning certain verbiage. **Motion** was made by Anna Levine and seconded by Judi Theocles to table discussion on the recall by-law to a later date and to adjourn. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

IV. Reappointment of By-Law Study Committee: (taken out of order – was placed before section III) John explained how he understood things to be headed. He will keep us updated.

V. Public comment: None

VI. Next meeting date: not selected

VII. Adjournment: (refer to section III noted above) **Motion to adjourn was made by Anna Levine and seconded by Judi Theocles. Approved unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Beverly J. Litchfield, Clerk

Minutes approved: June 27, 2016