

MINUTES
By-Law Study Committee
June 27, 2016 – 5:00 PM
Wilbraham Police Station, Lower Level Conference Room

PRESENT: John Broderick, Ed Lennon, Judi Theocles, Anna Levine, Dave Sanders and Beverly Litchfield. Dave left around 6:50 for a previously scheduled appointment.

Call to order: Meeting was called to order by Chairman John at 5:10 p.m.

- I. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion made/seconded (Anna, Dave) to accept the Feb. 18, 2016 minutes as corrected. (Remove mention of next meeting date on page one) Passed by unanimous vote. Motion was made/seconded (Anna, Judi) to accept the March 24th, March 31st and May 12th minutes as provided. Passed by unanimous vote.

- II. **Reorganization:** Positions for reorganization are Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary. Dave Sanders nominated Ed Lennon for Chairman. This was seconded by Anna Levine. Lengthy discussion followed. Judi Theocles motioned to add John Broderick to the nomination. This was seconded by Anna Levine. The vote resulted in four (4) in favor of Ed Lennon as chairman. Since this was the majority no further count was taken. For the position of Vice Chairman – newly elected Chairman Ed Lennon nominated John Broderick. John declined the position at this time. Chairman Ed then motioned to delay filling the Vice Chair position at this time. That was seconded by Judi and passed by a majority vote. For the position of Secretary – Judi nominated Dave Sanders. This was seconded by Anna. John nominated Anna Levine and she seconded it herself. Anna did tell everyone she would be happy to be the backup person to Dave though. The vote resulted in four (4) in favor of Dave and one (1) in favor of Anna. Bev happily handed the reins over to Dave – the new secretary.

- III. **Public Comment:** no one in attendance

- IV. **Town Meeting Review:** Discussed pros and cons of the evening. May need to look at “Fines” wording again. All felt it went well though. 9/9/16 is the deadline for the AG acceptance of the new bylaws. The AG response will be forwarded to the committee upon receipt for review prior to publication on the town website.

- V. **Old Business:**
 - a. **Chicken By-Law:** not sure if it was the timing, enforcement or undefined poultry of some kind was the issue here. Need public info session maybe in September. Need to hear what the selectmen really want from us. Dave will research and document a sampling of towns of the enforcement officer that is used and whether or not poultry is included, or if they focus on just chickens. More discussion and suggestions were presented. Send or speak to selectmen, zoning (Lance & John) and health agent (Lori) for feedback. Anna offered to help with this.

b. Recall Election Provision: Need to devote at least an hour on this one alone. This should be our next big item on the radar. Sampling of towns that have recall bylaw and the general overview of the content to be researched by Dave.

c. Residential Dumpsters: Chairman Ed has info on Lexington by-law. Discussion went forward about contacting the health agent and building/zoning agent. Ed offered to do this. It appears that some may want this a permitted item.

VI. Future Business:

a. Town Election Date: It was suggested that we look at having town elections on Tuesday instead of Saturday. Bev spoke to both days and she also felt the town-wide tag sale this year hurt voter turnout. More discussion on this in future meetings.

b. Second Hand Metals/Pawn Shop: Chief Tucker would like this by-law for consistency purposes. Two near-by locations already have this in place. Chairman Ed provided a handout with information from Springfield and Ludlow.

VII. Schedule Future Meeting(s): Next meeting will be July 28, 2016 at 5:15 PM. Location to still be determined.

Motion was made and seconded (Anna, Judi) to adjourn the meeting. Passing by unanimous vote the meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly J. Litchfield, Clerk/Secretary Outgoing.

Dave Sanders, Clerk

Minutes approved: _____