

**BY-LAW REVIEW COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**Thursday, January 11, 2024**  
**Wareham Town Hall, Room 27**

**Present:** Sherry Quirk, Nora Bicki

**Also Present:** Joshua Faherty, Conservation Administrator

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 3:02 pm by Chair S. Quirk.

Guest: J. Faherty was present to inquire about information regarding the By-Law revision process. The Conservation Commission is revising the Town's Wetland Protective Act By-Laws. A discussion took place as to how the General By-Laws will be presented at the April Town Meeting. Since the Conservation Commission and Administrator has agreed to remove the Wetland By-Laws from the General By-Laws, the Wetland By-Laws will be presented as a separate entity at Town Meeting. The By-Law Review Committee will not participate in the process of the Wetland By-Laws revisions. Mr. Faherty left the meeting after the discussion.

**Approval of Minutes:** The Chair asked for corrections. Hearing none, the minutes were approved.

**Committee Matters:**

**a. Discuss and determine reformatting of By-Laws:**

The four sections that were decided upon are: Town Government; Administrative; Rules and Regulations, and Miscellaneous.

**b. Separate exhibits into general categories:**

This will be accomplished at the next meeting. Copies of all exhibits will be brought to the meeting and separated into the agreed upon sections.

**c. Report on any meetings/discussions with other departments, boards, etc.:**

S. Quirk reported on several meetings/discussions. She met with the Assessor regarding Division II, Article 1, Section 5. The Assessor informed her that this is covered by State Law and that only what was added to that law by Town Meeting should be in the General By-Laws. However, those Town Meeting changes were never added to the current By-Laws. S. Quirk will revise accordingly.

S. Quirk also reported that N. Scogin attempted to meet with the Animal Control Officer regarding those exhibits and the new regulations. She was unable to meet with the Officer but will continue to try to meet.

S. Quirk also noted that R. Bowen, Town Counsel, is still working with her on the Earth Removal exhibit. She is also revising the Shopping Cart By-Law to a more simplified version such as that in Dartmouth.

N. Bicki reported that she had contacted Municipal Maintenance regarding the Street Opening Exhibit. The secretary informed her that the Select Board does not permit that process as it is

done by Municipal Maintenance. The secretary emailed a copy of the permit for the committee to see, which was shared. Dave Menard was asked to comment on the current By-Law, but the Town had the snowstorm and rain/wind events this past week and has not been able to respond. N. Bicki will follow up.

N. Bicki also emailed the Town Administrator regarding the Enforcement Officer By-Law and is still waiting for a response. She will follow up.

**d. Discussion of next steps and possible assignments:**

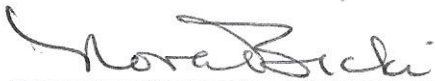
A discussion took place on what each member will do prior to the next meeting. Each member will continue to meet with outside entities regarding revisions. Copies of all exhibits on separate sheets will be brought to the next meeting.

**Next Meeting:** January 18, at 3 pm.

**Adjournment:** N. Bicki moved to adjourn at 4:13 pm. Vote: 2-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Nora Bicki



Date signed: 1/18/2024

By-Law Committee Clerk

**DOCUMENTS USED OR REVIEWED IN MEETING:**

Minutes of November 16, 2023

Copies of Exhibits

Copy of the Municipal Maintenance permit for Opening of Streets