

BY-LAW REVIEW COMMITTEE MINUTES
Thursday, November 16, 2023
Wareham Town Hall, Room 24

Present: Sherry Quirk, Nora Bicki

Also Present: Julie Moran, Norma Scogin, Judith Whiteside, Patricia Wurts

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 3:00 by Chair S. Quirk.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of September 21 approved by Chair with correction.

Committee Matters:

a. Review of Progress on By-Law Spreadsheet:

J. Moran reported that she has completed red-line revisions for assigned exhibits. She is using the bylaws of the town of Danvers as a guide for revising Exhibit YY.

N. Scogin discussed the animal control bylaw changes, some covered by state law. Other revisions completed.

N. Bicki reported on two additions, the Town Clerk addition and the Town Report addition; P. Tropeano asks that the Shopping Cart Bylaw be kept but revised; he also asked that a new bylaw be created since the state now allows certain food trucks to operate without Board of Health approval. J. Moran will review the new law and report at next meeting. She also noted that in 2015, the town meeting adopted an MGL requiring lodging to have sprinklers installed within five years. This does not appear in the bylaws nor in the BOH guidelines. Finally, she found that the bylaw Division III Section Article I was accepted at town meeting, approved as written by the Attorney General, but never added the additional sections to the current bylaws. S. Quirk is revising that section and will review the paperwork. N. Bicki also requested a better explanation of the Mulligan rule for adjudicatory boards and that both adjudicatory bylaws be included in the same section.

S. Quirk reported that she met with the Assessor regarding house numbering. She also met with the Police Chief regarding issues relating to his department. She will contact P. Tropeano regarding the Shopping Cart Bylaw. She also has developed a format for all deleted sections including an explanation and passed a sample for review. She requested that anyone working on deleted sections should prepare a similar report. She will then meet with Town Counsel for an opinion.

b. Set Goals and Deadlines for Future Committee Work: It was agreed upon that a goal is to finish all red-line revisions as a priority.

The final goal is to be finished by the April Town Meeting. Meetings will most likely take place weekly during the month of January to meet the April deadline.

c. Discussion of next steps for assigned sections: Everyone agreed to work on their assigned sections and will return to the next meeting with results.

Next Meeting: December 18, at 3 pm.

Adjournment: MOTION: N. Bicki moved to adjourn at 3:56 pm. Vote 2-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Nora Bicki



Date Signed: 1/11/2024

By-Law Committee Clerk

DOCUMENTS USED OR REVIEWED IN MEETING:

Minutes of September 21, 2023

Sample Deletion Package format prepared by S. Quirk