

## TOWN OF BECKET

### Minutes ByLaw Review Committee 10/14/15

Members Present: Jeanne Pryor (Chair), Ann Krawet, Bruce Garlow, George Roberts

The meeting was called to order at 10:23 a.m. by the Chair.

The minutes of 8/31/15 were reviewed and revised. Jeanne moved to approve the minutes of 8/31/15 as revised, it was seconded by Ann and the motion passed unanimously.

George reported on the Committee's request to have a letter sent to our state legislators to petition the General Court to amend our town charter as voted at the 4/5/14 Special Town Meeting. We are still awaiting a response from Town Counsel. George will follow up and, if a response is not received from Town Counsel, will draft a letter for the Selectmen's review.

Committee members present acknowledged receipt of the Animal Control bylaw documents that had been sent to committee members as follows:

Chapter 193 of the Acts of 2012-Animal Control, Kopelman & Paige  
Local Regulation of Nuisance and Dangerous Dogs, Kopelman & Paige  
New Developments in Local Regulation of Animal Control, Kopelman & Paige  
Massachusetts Law Pertaining to Dogs

The Committee reviewed and discussed revisions to Article 20 - Dog Control By-Law. The following changes, in bold, were made:

#### Section 7. Vaccination against rabies.

2. Vaccinated animals shall be revaccinated periodically in accordance with rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health **per 105 CMR 330.0000**.

#### Section 8. Quarantine of dogs suspected of having contagious disease.

1. The Board of Selectmen, or **its** authorized agent, .....

The Committee agreed to review Section 1. Dog Licenses and tags and Section 11. Animal Control Officer for consistency with the new law.

The Committee agreed to add a **Section 12. Definitions** to the bylaw using the language in Chapter 140, Section 136A.

The Committee discussed the following proposed bylaw changes that the Board of Selectmen agreed should be reviewed and worked on by the Bylaw Review Committee and the Chair will provide copies via email to committee members:

1. Draft addition to Town Bylaws, Article 21-Vacant Properties

2. Proposed addition to Town Bylaws, Article 17-Town Betterment By-Laws, Section 22,  
Abandoned Well

The Chair reported that the Board of Selectmen had proposed changes to Section 9.1.2 Enforcement of the Zoning By-Law. The Committee agreed that the Zoning Enforcement Officer's response to complaints should be a Board of Selectmen administrative policy issue not a change to the Zoning Bylaws. The Police Chief has suggested to the Selectmen that they consider a bylaw regarding non-residents using the Town Beach and/or for vehicles without Beach stickers.

The next meeting was scheduled for November 18, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne W. Pryor

List of documents discussed and/or distributed at meeting:

Bylaw Review Committee Minutes of 8/31/15  
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Local Regulation of Nuisance and Dangerous Dogs, Kopelman & Paige  
New Developments in Local Regulation of Animal Control, Kopelman & Paige  
Massachusetts Law Pertaining to Dogs  
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