

BYLAW REVIEW COMMITTEE  
Town of Becket  
557 Main Street  
Becket, MA 01223

**Meeting Minutes for November 18, 2015**

**Call to Order:**

**PRESENT:**

Bylaw Review Committee (BRC): Jeanne Pryor (JP); Ann Krawet (AK); George Roberts (GR);  
Mark Karlberg (MK)  
Public: None

**ABSENT:** Bruce Garlow (BG)

Meeting was called to order by JP at 10:02 AM.

**AGENDA:**

**1. Review and approve minutes for October 14, 2015 meeting.**

a. Acceptance of October 14 minutes moved by AK and seconded by JP. Passed with MK abstaining.

**2. Article 20 DOG CONTROL BYLAW**

a. Review for consistency with new bylaw

i. Section 1. Dog Licenses and Tags

Discussion on paragraphs were 1, 4, 5 and 11 were held. For paragraphs 1, 4, and 11 no changes recommended. On Paragraph 5 GR stated he believed this was being abused and suggested any certification for exemption under Mass General Law (MGL) Chapter 140, section 145B, be obtained annually. It was agreed the following sentence be added:

“Said certification shall be updated annually by the owner.”

ii. Section 10 Violations and Penalties

It was agreed this section should remain

iii. Section 11 Animal Control Officer

Discussion was held regarding the value of this section. It was agreed that since Section 11 was the same as Section 10 if the last sentence was deleted as it was in Section 10 that section 11 was not needed and should be deleted. JP suggested the Committee consider including language about the Animal Control Officer in this section. JP agreed to send to committee members these sections in MGL 140 that relate to the Animal Control Officer so that the committee can consider replacing the wording in Section 11.

**3. Review draft addition to Town Bylaws, Article 21-Vacant Properties**

a. Article was proposed by the Building Inspector. After lengthy discussions on how the inspections would be carried out it was agreed the Building Inspector should be brought into the discussion. JP agreed to contact Bill about attending our meeting to discuss the inspection process.

**4. Review draft addition to Town Bylaws, Article 17, Section 17 Abandoned Wells**

a. There were no comments on the draft.

**5. General Review of Town Bylaws (Article 2 through 2B)**

a. There was no discussion.

**6. Any other business to come before the Committee per MGL c. 30A, Section 20(B)**

a. None

**7. Set next meeting dates**

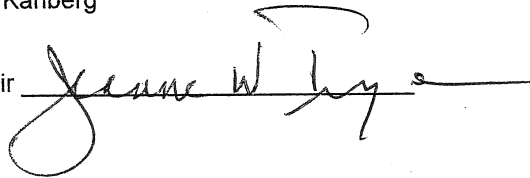
December 9<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 PM

March 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM (tentative)

**Adjourn:** MK moved to adjourn at 11:46 AM. AK seconded. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by Mark Karlberg

Approved by Jeanne Pryor, Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeanne W. Pryor", written over a horizontal line.