

BYLAW REVIEW COMMITTEE

Town of Becket
557 Main Street
Becket, MA 01223

Meeting Minutes for July 13, 2016

Call to Order:

PRESENT:

Bylaw Review Committee (BRC): Jeanne Pryor (JP); Ann Krawet (AK); Bruce Garlow (BG);
George Roberts (GR); Mark Karlberg (M)

PUBLIC: None

Meeting was called to order by JP at 10:06 AM.

AGENDA:

- 1. Chair to sign minutes for the meeting of November 18, 2015 and December 9, 2015.**
 - a. Minutes were signed.
- 2. Review minutes of March 23, 2016 and June 22, 2016 meetings.**
 - a. AK moved to accept the minutes of March 23 2016. MK seconded. Passed unanimously.
 - b. AK moved to accept the minutes of June 22 2016. MK seconded. Passed unanimously.
- 3. DOG CONTROL BY-LAW – members to review new MGLs affecting Animal Control Officers that may be included in a revised Section 11. .**
 - a. JP provided copies of the last draft of Section 11 dated 3/23/16.
 - b. GR had several comments regarding Section 11:
 - i. Paragraphs 1 and 2 should call out the appropriate chapter of MGL. It was agreed and c. 140 will be added.
 - ii. Paragraph 4 public should be deleted from the phrase "to be a public nuisance" and the phrase expanded from "nuisance" to "nuisance or dangerous dog". And 4 the phrase "any dog found" to "any dog believed". AK moved to incorporate changes. JP seconded. Passed unanimously.
 - iii. Paragraph 3 the phrase "Clerk within 30 days" needs to be expanded upon. JP will work on this.
 - c. JP provided copies of the 12/9/15 Revision of Town Bylaws for (Article 20 - ANIMAL CONTROL BY LAW).
 - i. Discussion centered on the definition of terms used and where they should be positioned in the by law. It was agreed they could be at the end of the bylaw but a statement at the beginning was needed to direct the reader to the definitions. JP moved the following statement be added to the first paragraph "Definitions relating to this by-law are contained in Section 12." MK seconded. Passed unanimously.
- 4. Review and discuss draft addition to Town Bylaws, Article 21 Vacant Properties.**
 - a. Changes were reviewed with the following actions:
 - i. Under definition of vacant properties the second paragraph should be changed from "compliance within 60 days" to "compliance within 90 days" to agree with the first paragraph.
- 5. Status of charter change legislation regarding Parks and Recreation Committee (S 2224)**

- a. JP noted the changed legislation is confusing and should be clarified. GR was requested to contact the Senator's office for clarification of the changes from the original legislation. Moved by JP seconded by AK. Passed unanimously.

6. Review of Town Bylaws (Article 2 through 2B)

- a. Deferred until next meeting.

7. Reorganization of Committee

- a. AK moved JP be chairman. MK seconded. Motion passed with JP abstaining.
- b. JP moved AK be vice chairman. MK seconded. Passed unanimously.
- c. AK moved MK be clerk. JP seconded. Passed unanimously.

8. Code of Conduct

- a. All members of the committee have signed the Code of Conduct form and submitted to the town secretary.

9. Set next meeting dates

August 10, 2016 at 10:00 A.M.

Adjourn: MK moved to adjourn at 11:44 AM. AK seconded. Passed unanimously.

List of documents discussed and/or distributed at meeting:

Minutes of March 23, 2016 and June 22, 2016 public meetings

3/23/2016 draft of Town Bylaws (Article 20 Section 11 – Animal Control Officer)

6/22/2016 final draft of proposed addition to the Town Bylaws (Article 7- Vacant Properties)

Rev. 12/9/15 Article 20 - Animal Control By-law

Respectfully Submitted by Mark Karlberg

Approved by Jeanne Pryor, Chair

