

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

Meeting Minutes for November 16, 2016

Call to Order:

PRESENT:

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

Public: None

Meeting was called to order by JP at 10:12 AM.

AGENDA:

- a. Review and approve minutes for October 19, 2016 meeting.**
 - a. Acceptance of October 19 minutes moved by AK and seconded by JP. Passed with MK abstaining.
- b. Status of posting of AG approved 2016 ATM Bylaw revisions (amendment to Conservation Commission By-Law, quorum; addition to Town Betterment By-Laws, (abandoned wells).**
 - a. GR reported it will go up today.
- c. Review/discuss changes to proposed addition of Sec 22. Vacant Properties to the Town Betterment By-Laws**
 - a. Under definitions JP moved to change "Within 20 miles of the property in question." to "Within 100 miles of the property in question." MK seconded. Passed unanimously.
- d. Discussion of comments received at the 9/14/16 public hearing regarding changes/ additions to the Dog Control By-Law**
 - a. Following comments from Sandi Jarvis were addressed
 - i. Article 20 Section 2 item 3 Subsection (d) on page 4. Can tethering a dog for a 24 hour period be interrupted with a move inside to reset the 24 hour timer? Is there a maximum number of days a dog can be tethered outside, for example in a one week period? Some discussion no motions made.
 - ii. Section 2 item 5 page 5. The time an owner of a dog should go back to 10 days and not 7 since a lot of people up here are second hand owners who are only here on weekends. After some discussion JP moves to make it 10 days. AK seconded. Passed unanimously.
 - iii. Section 11 Animal Control Officer page 12. 7 days should be changed to 10 and say with in respect to MGL c. 140 s. 151A(b) not per the law. Also, she stated that instead of the Animal Control Officer may make an animal available for adoption should read should be made available for adoption. After a somewhat lengthy discussion it was agreed the to change the wording to ...shall, after the dog has been certified by a veterinarian to be disease free, be made available for adoption.
 - b. Mr. Ronzio noted the vacant property Bylaw definitions are at the beginning and the animal control officer bylaw definitions are at the end. Agreed definitions will be put at the end with a statement at the front of the section stating such.

- c. Mrs. Elovirta discussed a neighborhood nuisance she and her neighbors had been enduring. Mr. Ronzio stated the Planning Board has been addressing the general issue of nuisances. JP will review bylaws pertinent to this information.

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

- a. Deferred

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

- a. None

g. Set next meeting dates

December 14th at 10:00 AM

March 15th at 10:00 AM (tentative)

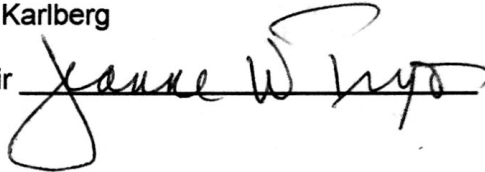
Adjourn: AK moved to adjourn at 11:19 AM. MK seconded. Passed unanimously.

List of documents discussed and/or distributed at meeting

- October 19, 2016 meeting minutes
- Draft dated 10/27/16 Sec 22-Vacant Properties to the Town Betterment By-Laws
- Dog Control Bylaw, Sec. 11 Animal Control Officer

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.