

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

Minutes
August 10, 2017

PRESENT: Bylaw Review Committee: Jeanne Pryor, Chair; Ann Krawet; Bruce Garlow; George Roberts
ABSENT: Mark Karlberg
PUBLIC: none

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by the Chair.

Review minutes of the July 12, 2017 meetings

The minutes of the July 12, 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved as written on motion of A. Krawet, second of J. Pryor.

Committee Reorganization

Since we currently have only 2 active members, by motion of A. Krawet, second of J. Pryor, the Committee voted that the organization of officers continues as it is. Jeanne will be away from November to April and without a quorum present she will be unable to participate in meetings. Following discussion about Mr. Karlberg's absences at Committee meetings and lack of response to our inquiries, Committee members agreed to ask the Board of Selectmen to remove Mr. Karlberg from the Committee and advertise for a replacement so that the Committee can continue its work.

Outdoor Lighting Bylaw hearing

In response to the Committee's request, Jeanne contacted the Town Administrator regarding the following wording in the Outdoor Lighting Bylaw, Section 2: *Although this bylaw does not address street lighting, we encourage the Town to pursue other means of bringing those lights into conformance.* Mr. Gibson responded as follows: "As you are aware we don't have our own town electric Department therefore we cannot work on the street lights nor do we own them so we are fairly limited as to what options we have. Personally I would not recommend making that language any stronger as it pertains to street Lighting."

George forwarded an email from Mr. Hoch at Camp Watitoh to Jeanne and she emailed Mr. Hoch a copy of the Outdoor Lighting Bylaw to be discussed at tonight's hearing as he cannot attend.

Jeanne provided committee members with an agenda for tonight's hearing and a copy of the Outdoor Lighting Bylaw to be discussed. It was agreed that Bruce would provide brief remarks and chair tonight's hearing. Jeanne will take the minutes.

Dog Control Bylaw changes

Jeanne reported that the changes to the Dog Control Bylaw have not yet been prepared for submission to Town Counsel.

Proposed Amendments to Article 17 Town Betterment Bylaws, SECTION 21

Bruce provided revised language and the Committee voted to accept the wording as follows:

No person shall (a) drink or possess in an open or partially consumed container any alcoholic beverages as defined in MGL Chapter 138, § section 1, or (b) smoke, ingest, or otherwise use or consume marijuana (marihuana) or tetrahydrocannabinol as defined in MGL Chapter 94C, section 1, as amended, while on, in or upon any town property, excluding public ways and sidewalks, premises licensed under said Chapters 138 and 94C, or in, on or upon private lands without the consent of the

owner or person in control thereof. The Selectmen may waive the requirements of this section by issuing a one-day or other temporary license for consumption of alcoholic beverages on any Town owned property in accordance with the Town Policy on Issuing One-Day Liquor Licenses.

The penalty for any violation hereof shall be a fine not exceeding fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each offense. Violations of this section may be penalized by indictment or on complaint brought in the district court or by non-criminal disposition as provided in M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 21D. (Adopted 5/13/06 & effective 7/29/06)

The revised Bylaw will be forwarded to the Board of Selectman.

Any other business to come before the Committee per G.L. c. 30A, § 20(b)

Jeanne received some of the Selectmen's policies. Some did not indicate whether or not they had been approved by the Selectmen and some were not dated. Jeanne will ask to review the policy manual in the Selectmen's office. Bruce reported on a meeting he attended with the Town of Deerfield's Bylaw Review Committee.

Next meeting date and adjournment

The next meeting was scheduled for September 6, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. By motion of A. Krawet, second of J. Pryor, the meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

List of documents discussed and/or distributed at meeting:

- Minutes of the July 12, 2017 meeting
- Amendments to Article 17 Town Betterment Bylaws, SECTION 21 with B. Garlow's suggested changes
- 8/8/2017 email from William Hoch to Town Clerk re Bylaw Review—dark skies proposal
- 8/10/2017 email from Ed Gibson re Outdoor Lighting Bylaw
- 8/10/17 Public Hearing agenda
- Article 17, Section 23 - Outdoor Lighting Bylaw dated 7/12/17
- Selectmen's policies received from Selectmen's Secretary

Respectfully submitted by Jeanne Pryor

Approved by Jeanne Pryor, Chair

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeanne W. Pryor". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "Approved by Jeanne Pryor, Chair".