

Town of Millis General Bylaw Amendment (revised 3/17/15)

Domesticated Fowl and Rabbit Regulations

Article: To see if the Town will vote to amend its General Bylaws, as most recently amended, by amending Article XXII, Domesticated Fowl or Rabbit Regulations, as noted below, or take any other action relative thereto.

- a) By amending Section 4, Registration & Inspections, by deleting the following paragraph, as it current appears, in its entirety:

“Except as provided for below, as part of every application made under these regulations, an applicant shall provide a copy of a certified abutter’s list obtained from the Assessors and written notice of his/her intent to raise or keep domesticated fowl or rabbits, to be sent by the Health Director to parties in interest in the manner set forth in M.G.L. Ch. 40A, Section 11. The notice shall fully and accurately describe the location and the proposed number and type of animals, as well as all associated structures and facilities. This notices hall also indicate that abutters have the right to file with the Health Director written comments in support of or objecting to the application, and shall indicate the deadlines, as set forth below, for submission of comments.”

- b) By amending Section 4, Registration & Inspections, by inserting the following new language after the second paragraph:

“Applicants shall provide, at their own expense, a copy of a certified abutter’s list obtained from the Assessors identifying each direct abutter to the property for which the application is filed, along with the applicant’s written notice of his/her intent to raise or keep domesticated fowl or rabbits. At the applicant’s expense, the Health Director shall send, by certified mail, written notice of the application to the abutters identified by the Assessors, which notice shall fully and accurately describe the location and the proposed number and type of animals, as well as all associated structures and facilities. This notice shall also indicate that direct abutters have the right to file with the Health Director written comments in support of or objecting to the application, and shall indicate the deadlines, as set forth below, for submission of comments.”

- c) By amending Section 4, Registration & Inspections, by deleting the following paragraph, as it currently appears, in its entirety:

“No certified abutters list, nor any notice to abutters, nor an administrative hearing, shall be required in those instances where a special permit will also be required under the Town’s Zoning Bylaw for the keeping or raising of animals subject to an application under this bylaw.”

- d) By amending Section 6, Administrative Hearing, by deleting the following language as it currently appears in the first sentence:

“Where no special permit will be required under Millis’ zoning for the keeping or raising of animals for which application is also being made under this Article.”

- e) By amending Section 6, Administrative Hearing, by deleting the last sentence as it currently appears and replacing it with the following sentence:

“The Health Director shall give written notice of the time and place of the hearing, not less than seven (7) days prior to the hearing, to the applicant by certified mail, to abutters by certified mail, and by posting with the Town Clerk.”