

## **Bylaws Review Committee**

### **Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, January 17, 2019 @ 4:00 p.m.**

**Selectmen's Meeting Room, 126 Main Street**

**Present: Francis W. Cote, Town Clerk Nancy J. Talbot, Executive Assistant Mary L. Midura, Jim Rutherford, Town Manager Stuart Beckley**

Nancy Talbot conducted the swearing-in for Mary Midura and Jim Rutherford. Minutes will be approve at the next meeting.

Mr. Rutherford asked about the tracking, noted changes, and goal for completion. Mr. Beckley noted his hope to have this complete by June. Ms. Talbot noted that Code will clean up grammar. She noted that previously Code only took up to 2005, plus the old purple book. For example, the public drinking bylaw from 2005-2006 was approved by the Attorney General.

Section 15: Mr. Beckley noted that Section 15 was approved in 1975 at a Town Meeting. The committee will look at this bylaw at the next meeting. Mr. Cote asked what the Code representative needs; Ms. Talbot answered that this committee should go through these 54 pages from 2007, answers will be incorporated and realigned. Mr. Cote asked if we have a representative from Code yet; Mr. Beckley noted he will see people at the MMA conference this weekend.

Section 16: Ms. Talbot noted that the Building Department assigns numbers of buildings, with ongoing situations, and Assessors get a copy. TRIAD can provide numbers for residents. Mr. Beckley noted it would be a good process to go to each department regarding bylaws that pertain to those departments. Mr. Cote noted that DPW should look at bylaws regarding streets, drainage, and Planning Board should look at bylaws regarding zoning. Mr. Rutherford questioned those bylaws covered by State law. Ms. Talbot noted that those bylaws should be confirmed with appropriate departments.

Section 17: Cemeteries, the new bylaw should be inserted and old removed.

Section 18: Regarding dogs, new standards from three years ago under Chapter 140. Mr. Beckley noted the Town will pay the consultant to find State laws, and if we go with regional, all towns should have the same rules. This was the law in 2005; Ms. Talbot noted that each city/town has had different licensing, but now this has become standardized. Page 17, need to amend 150-6 and the consultant must check State law. Nancy noted that accepted statutes for items such as fees and departments would be added in.

Section 19: Hawking and Peddling – Mr. Cote asked about the farmers' market. Mr. Beckley noted the selling of trinkets during parades. Mr. Cote asked if a permit from police was required. This section may need to be removed.

Section 21: Junk Dealers & Collectors – State law controls these licenses.

Section 22: Parking – this must be amended to conform to State law.

Section 23: Peace and Good Order and Section 24: Peddlers and Solicitors – Mary will ask Chief Crevier and look for examples from other towns.

**The meeting was adjourned at 5:18 p.m.**