

Bylaw Study Committee Meeting Minutes 1/22/24

Meeting called to order: GoToMeeting only meeting called to order @ 6:05

In attendance: Stephen Holstrom (SH), Joe Lawless (JL), Ed Lennon (EL) @ 6:59 , Dave Sanders (DS), Carole Tardif (CT)

Absent: Christine Goonan (CG)

Guest: Animal Control Officer (ACO): Paul Morrissey; @6:20

- I. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Discussion about hi-level bylaw to change 'Board of Selectmen' to 'Select Board' and neutral pronouns 'change all' of all General Town Bylaws
- III. Review of the Bylaws that are probable warrant article candidates
 - a. Litter
 - b. Minor possession of alcohol: proceed
 - c. Door to Door Sales: proceed
 - d. Ice Cream Truck: proceed
 - e. DPW bylaws: work in progress; possible
 1. Tree belt alterations
 2. Impure water onto town property
 3. Littering: size of litter distinctions 635:motion 3 v 5 cf; DS/JL unanimous accept
 4. Fire hydrants permissions
 5. Destruction of highways
 - f. Animal Control Officer fees and length of dog retention
 - g. Overall 'Board of Selectmen' to 'Select Board' and neutral pronouns
 - h. Non-substantive
- IV. ACO discussion
 - i. Motion DS to remove previous vote of fee amounts to revert back to Select Board discretion; JL 2nd; passed unanimously
 - ii. Definition of dog owner 6.04.1; Motion to remove '7 consecutive days in any calendar year'; DS/JL unanimous
 - iii. Motion to change length of dog retention from 10 to 7 days: 604.7.d; DS/SH unanimous
- V. Future Bylaws
 - i. The Select Board: 3 or 5: info gathering; JL to check with Hampden
 - ii. Bylaw Cmte Bylaws
- VI. General Code status
 - i. Contract waiting to be signed
 - ii. Timeline received by CT
- VII. Annual Town Report
 - i. EL and SH working on it
- VIII. Previous meeting minutes: 12-11-23 & 1-3-24: SH/DS unanimously passed
- IX. Next meeting 2-8-25 at WPD
 - i. Meet with Select Board 1-22-24

Adjourned: JL/DS unanimously approved

Link to Video: <https://videoplayer.telvue.com/player/wCwBAXHtGCN-aqYz22Xuje-5ELUZawSc/playlists/5753/media/850006?fullscreen=false>

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Sanders, Secretary and Vice-Chair

Note: research documents can be emailed to all members pre-meeting for the purpose of information; it can't be discussed pre-meeting. This meeting minutes draft is an example of sharing without discussion.