

## Bylaw Study Committee Meeting Minutes 2/20/24

Meeting called to order: WPD Community Room at 6:05

In attendance: Christine Goonan (CG), Stephen Holstrom (SH), Joe Lawless (JL), Ed Lennon (EL), Dave Sanders (DS)

Absent: Carole Tardif (CT)

Guest: None in attendance

- I. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Discussion of status of bylaw amendments and expected Annual Town meeting amendment proposals
  - i. What will General Code activity be
  - ii. The process of getting changes to ATM
- III. Review of the Bylaws that are probable warrant article candidates
  - a. Definition of 'year' to be 'fiscal year' :July 1 to June 30
  - b. Animal Control Office: from 10 days retention to 7 days retention
  - c. Snow removal: enforcement default is PD
  - d. Fire hydrants
  - e. Ice cream truck vendors
  - f. 606 repeatable occurrences
  - g. Litter definition
  - h. Tree belts
  - i. Minor possession of alcohol; job allowance
  - j. 'Board of Selectman' to 'Select Board'
  - k. Motion to approve the minor changes as reviewed: DS 1<sup>st</sup>/JL 2<sup>nd</sup>: unanimous
- IV. Annual Report
  - i. Review and change minor corrections
  - ii. Motion to accept the Annual Report as corrected: DS 1<sup>st</sup>/SH 2<sup>nd</sup>; unanimous
- V. General Code
  - i. Next steps discussed
  - ii. EL to discuss with GC should they begin codifying or wait until after AG approval after ATM
- VI. Number of Selectmen
  - i. JL reported Hampden's efforts: being done by sub cmte
  - ii. JL to forward email response from Hampden
  - iii. Belmont comprehensive report should be reviewed by all prior to discussion
  - iv. Future meeting agenda should have significant time allotted for this discussion
- VII. Meeting minutes: 2-22-24 motion to accept as published: CG 1<sup>st</sup>/DS 2<sup>nd</sup>; unanimous
- VIII. Flag Flying
  - i. Based on recent Select Board policy creation and approval
  - ii. EL to review with Town Admin for opinion
  - iii. Motion to table to allow for further review: SH 1<sup>st</sup>/CG 2<sup>nd</sup>: Approved 4-1; DS=no
- IX. Future meeting agenda : 3-20-24 @ 18:00 at WPD

Adjourned: SH/DS unanimously approved 7:28

Link to Video: <https://videoplayer.telvue.com/player/wCwBAXHtGCN-aqYz22Xuje-5ELUZawSc/media/856831?autostart=false&showtabssearch=true&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.