Bylaw Review Committee

February 1, 2023

7:00 pm

MINUTES

Members Present: Pauline Banducci, Stuart Litwin, David Myers, Jeff Zimmerman

Absent: Mari Enoch

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.

A motion was made, seconded and voted to approve the minutes of December 22, 2022.

The Committee discussed our work product to date, cleaning up and tightening the language in that product, in preparation for submission to Town Counsel.

The Committee reviewed the current Marijuana Bylaw, adding that Bylaw as a new Article. It also raised a series of questions which we will ask Counsel.

The Committee reviewed and tightened the language in a new section being proposed—“Other Votes of the Town”, which includes votes taken to adopt certain parts of Massachusetts General Law.

The Committee finalized the proposed fine schedule which would result in an easier way to review and potentially update fines on a regular basis.

The Committee reviewed and tightened the Preamble to their work product, explaining how they saw their charge from the town, their process in revising and tightening the current Bylaws, and how they were including live links to the relevant sections of Massachusetts General Law.

The Committee tabled the discussion of the Historical Dates, to be added as supplementary material, as it was not ready in time for the meeting.

David will submit two copies of our work product to Counsel: one “clean” one (all strike-outs and comments removed) and one with all the strike-outs, comments, and questions included so that Counsel can see what was there, what we are proposing to change, and what questions are still outstanding about our Bylaws.

The date of the next meeting was not set, pending the response from Town Counsel. Once a response is received, the Committee plans to hold a Special Information session for the town to come and comment on the work product, which shall be made available via electronic means (Town website seems the best way), with the option to get a printed copy at Town Hall. The Committee would then meet after this meeting to discuss the input and comments received from the Town before submitting our work to the Select Board.

A motion was made, seconded, and so voted to adjourn at 8:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David Myers

Approved: