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BYLAW COMMITTEE MEETING

January 22, 2020, 9:00 a.m.

Town Manager's Conference Room, 60 Center Square, East Longmeadow, MA

Present: Councilor Pat Henry, Councilor Tom O'Connor, Councilor Ralph Page, DPW Deputy Superintendent Tom Christensen, School Committee Member Bill Fonseca, and Town Clerk/Clerk of the Council Jeanne Quaglietti

Committee Chair Henry called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Motion: Mr. Fonseca made a motion to approve the Bylaw Committee Meeting minutes of January 16, 2020. Mr. Christensen seconded and all were in favor.

Regarding the Committee's Meeting minutes of January 17, 2020, Mr. Fonseca noted that the minutes stated that a planned meeting of the Committee was January 24, 2020. However, the Committee had decided not to meet that day since two members would be absent. Therefore, the January 24 meeting date should be stricken from the January 17 minutes.

Motion: Mr. Fonseca made a motion to approve the Bylaw Committee Meeting minutes of January 17, 2020, as amended. Councilor Page seconded and all were in favor.

The Committee scheduled a meeting on Monday, January 27, at 1:00 p.m., and they agreed that they would meet for more than two hours on that day, if necessary.

Chair Henry updated Councilor O'Connor on his General Code project report given to the Council at the January 14, 2020 Council meeting, at which Councilor O'Connor was absent.

The Committee then discussed Chair Henry's list of significant modifications he had distributed to the Committee. The Committee also had received George Kingston's email dated May 24, 2017, addressed to Kevin Manley, the former Council President. As Clerk of the original Bylaw Review Committee, Mr. Kingston had outlined a list of changes to the bylaws the Council should consider for the future. This Bylaw Committee agreed that many items on that list had already been addressed. Councilor Page and Mr. Fonseca will take the task of reviewing the entire list and giving a combined statement back to the Committee. Mr. Christensen and Councilor O'Connor were invited to send any comments they have regarding that list to either Councilor Page or Mr. Fonseca for inclusion in their statement.

Chair Henry referred to the General Changes on page 11, and suggested that the word “Chairman” be changed to “Chair” wherever it appeared in the Manuscript.

The Committee then discussed previously reviewed sections of the workbook for accuracy, notably Chapter 110 (Assessors), and Chapter 180 (Planning), and the location for public consumption of marijuana.

Following that discussion, Chair Henry reviewed the results of his meetings, to date, with department heads to go over the Committee’s feedback to their submissions.

At that point, the Bylaw Committee continued their review of the Workbook, beginning with Question 350-001 on page 159, and finished their meeting after reviewing Question 350-026 on page 183.

Motion: Mr. Fonseca made a motion to adjourn at 11:00 a.m. Mr. Christensen seconded and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne R. Quaglietti
Town Clerk/Clerk of the Council