

CHARTER AND BY-LAW REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING

October 13, 2009

The Charter and By-law Review Committee (CBRC) held a meeting on October 13th, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the Dlott Meeting Room, Natick Town Hall. The meeting was duly posted by Carol Gloff, chair. Ms. Gloff called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Members present: Jay Ball, Karen Adelman Foster, Carol Gloff, Bob Healey, Tony Lista, Richard Sidney.

Members absent: Barbara Chinetti

Others present: Robert Foster, Chair, Planning Board
Patrick Reffett, Community Development Director
Martha White, Town Administrator

DISCUSSION OF TOWN MEETING ARTICLES

TM Article 34

Regarding By-Law Article 21, Section 2: Mr. Foster explained that the CBRC's voted recommendation had deleted reference to the Planning Board in By-Law Article 21. He proposed restoring the deleted references. Mr. Sidney moved the following language:

Section 2 Duties

The duties of the Community Development Director shall include, but not be limited to, those described in this section.

2.1 Upon request of the Planning Board, the Community Development Director shall be assigned professional, administrative and technical work relating to the application of the zoning by-law, subdivision control law, planning studies and design, review of proposals and like work of a professional nature.

2.2 At the direction of the Town Administrator, the Community Development Director shall supervise the Community Development Department and its staff, assist various Town Boards and Commissions, and undertake professional, administrative and technical work related to applicable town, state and federal laws to advance the interest of the Town.

Mr. Sidney's motion was seconded by Ms. Adelman Foster and voted unanimously.

TM Article 42

Regarding By-Law Article 42, Section 1: Ms. Gloff reported that the Finance Committee had raised the question of whether the By-Law precludes the storage of small amounts of fuel oils. Ms. Gloff will check with Mr. Flynn, Town Counsel.

TM Article 92

Ms. Gloff reported that the Finance Committee had discovered that the subject matter of its previous recommendation (also previously approved by the CBRC) to increase the fines for littering and illegal dumping for first through third offenses, and for fourth and subsequent offenses, from \$20.00 and \$100.00, respectively to \$100.00 and \$300.00, respectively, was not permitted by state law.

Mr. Ball moved to reconsider the CBRC's recommendation of the greater fines, Mr. Sidney seconded, and the reconsideration was approved unanimously. No further motion was made on the matter.

Finance Committee Errata

Mr. Sidney observed that the Finance Committee recommendations contain a number of errors. He volunteered to prepare a list of said errors.

CONCLUSION AND ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment was moved by Mr. Sidney and seconded by Mr. Healey. Ms. Gloff adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Adelman Foster, CBRC member

Minutes approved on December 14, 2009 by a vote of 4-0-0.