

Minutes

Natick Charter and By-law Review Committee

Thursday, January 11, 2018 at 7 p.m.

Board of Selectmen's Meeting Room, Town Hall, 13 East Central Street

This meeting was posted as required by MGL.

Present: Alan Rosenman
Catherine Schellenberg
Harriet Merkowitz
Carol Gloff, chair
Alan Grady

Absent: Richard Sidney
Cathy Coughlin

Meeting was called to order at 7:16 p.m. There were no Citizen's Concerns.

Motion made by Alan Rosenman, seconded by Catherine Schellenberg to approve the minutes of 12/11/17. Vote was 3-0-1. (Alan Grady joined the meeting after this vote.)

Discussion on the possible repeal of By-law Article 83, No Smoking in Public Places because of the regulations of the Board of Health – Chapter 19A and Chapter XX. There were concerns that everything in the by-law was not covered in the regulations. For example, does it cover elevators? Noted a typo on page 2 of the by-law. Are the violations against the individuals, not the employer? Decision to invite Jim White to answer the concerns. Then decision could be made to revise, make obsolete and refer to Regulations of the Board of Health, or leave for the Board of Health to address at a future Town Meeting.

Update on Article 72, Section 5: Lt Lauzon and D. Gusmini couldn't get together and make this meeting. Will happen at a future meeting.

By-law article 51, Alarm Systems: additional changes may be needed. The chair will send out copies of the version that was passed at Fall Town Meeting. Will be taken up in a future meeting.

Article 76, Section 5 H: No definition of Preferably Preserved Building. Should the wording be changed to Historically Significant Building or Structure as defined in Section 2, F? The chair will check with the Historical Commission chair as to whether it can be changed or an additional definition will be needed.

Article 81: Out of date because materials have changed. Awaiting information from Jim White.

Article 43: Concern over the clarity of section 4; a Table would be clearer for Section 5; question over whether reference sections were currently correct.

Article 61: Alan Grady will get revisions, if any, from Rick and Jim White

Handbook: Big project; not sure of progress by Cathy Coughlin and Rich Sidney.

No Old or New Business. Next meeting not yet determined.

Motion made by Alan Rosenman and seconded by Alan Grady to adjourn. Vote: 5-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Submitted by Harriet Merkowitz

Minutes approved by a vote of 4-0-1 on January 22, 2018.