

Charter & Bylaw Review Committee Meeting

Minutes for Monday, February 26, 2018

Contributory Retirement Board's Meeting Room, Third Floor of Town Hall

Meeting posted in accordance with MGL requirements

Attending: Carol Gloff, chair; Alan Grady, Alan Rosenman; and Catherine Schellenberg.

Absent: Richard Sidney, vice-chair; Cathy Coughlin; and Harriet Merkowitz

7:32 pm: Meeting called to order by Ms Gloff.

Citizens' Concerns: None.

Review & Approval of Minutes: Minutes of meeting on August 7, 2017 Motion to approve by Mr. Rosenman, seconded by Mr. Grady, 4-0-0.

Minutes of meeting on August 14, 2017 Motion to approve by Mr. Grady, seconded by Ms Schellenberg, 4-0-0.

Minutes of meeting on August 15, 2017 Motion to approve by Mr. Rosenman, seconded by Mr. Grady, 4-0-0.

Minutes of meeting on January 29, 2018, Motion to approve with corrections of two typos by Mr. Rosenman, seconded by Mr. Grady, 4-0-0.

Warrant Article 21 By-law Article 72: We did not receive a recommendation from the Finance Committee (Fin Comm). This was partly due to the fact that only 9 members were still in attendance at the meeting when they reviewed our article. There was a suggestion to add wording to the effect of "that obstructs visibility," as there was concern about chain-link fences or skinny trees or easily seen-through bushes that would not obstruct a driver's view of the public way and sidewalk. There was support for the intention of the article to tackle a real threat to public safety. Discussion of whether the addition of such language might be in keeping with the concerns of the Safety Committee. Discussion of subjectivity, likelihood of passing Town Meeting without support of Fin Comm. We are on the agenda for the Fin Comm meeting on Thursday, March 1 (if the Special Town Meeting on Tuesday, February 27 should end in one session.)

Motion to approve addition of the words "that obstructs visibility of a public way or sidewalk and is" before the words "located with fifteen (15) feet" in the Warrant Article and Motion for Spring Town Meeting, by Mr. Grady, seconded by Ms Schellenberg, 3-0-1.

Review of Warrant Articles 20, 21, & 22 and their Motions and red-line versions for typos.

Old business: None.

New business: None.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Grady, seconded by Mr. Rosenman. Carried unanimously at 9:00 pm.

Minutes prepared by Catherine Schellenberg

Minutes approved by a vote of 5-0-0 on April 12, 2018.