

Charter and By-Law Review Committee Meeting

Minutes for Thursday, April 12, 2018

Classroom 103, Natick High School, First Floor, 1 West St, Natick, MA

Meeting posted in accordance with MGL requirements

Attending: Carol Gloff, Chair; Richard Sidney, Vice Chair; Alan Rosenman; Catherine Schellenberg; Alan Grady; Harriet Merkowitz

Guest: David Gusmini, Building Inspector, Town of Natick

Absent: Cathy Coughlin

Meeting called to order at 6:49 pm by Carol Gloff, Chair. There were no citizen's concerns.

Minutes of February 26, 2018. On a motion by Alan Rosenman, seconded by Catherine Schellenberg, the minutes of February 26, 2018 were approved by a vote of 5-0-0. (One member had not yet arrived.)

Town Meeting Warrant Article 21 addresses a possible change in Article 72 of the By-Laws concerning the intersection of a street and a driveway. The original warrant article proposed that a fence could not be more than 3 feet high within 15 feet of the intersection. At the 2/26/2018 CBRC meeting, by a vote of 3-0-1, the committee approved the addition of a phrase intended to allow fences, etc., which do not obstruct visibility to be higher than 3 feet within the 15 foot distance. When this modification was presented to Finance Committee, they did not reach agreement on a recommendation. In addition, others have expressed concerns as to whether this would apply in other situations. Alan Grady reiterated that the overriding issue is safety, and he was now unsure that the currently proposed wording would solve the problem. Dave Gusmini suggested that the 15 foot distance was too long and suggested possibly 6 feet and a setback of 5-6 feet. He also suggested that requiring a 15 foot distance could severely limit privacy of the residence. Richard Sidney suggested that this could not get fixed for this Town Meeting, and that it be referred to the Safety Committee. A motion was made by Richard Sidney and seconded by Alan Grady to request referral of warrant article 21 to the Safety Committee, and passed by a vote of 6-0-0.

Old business: It was noted that Town Meeting Warrant Article 27 proposes further changes to By-law Article 50 regarding snow removal.

There was no new business.

Motion to adjourn by Richard Sidney, seconded by Alan Rosenman. The motion passed 6-0-0.
Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Minutes submitted by Harriet Merkowitz

These minutes were approved by a vote of 6-0-0 at a final meeting of the CBRC on May 10, 2018. As the term of this CBRC ended at the close of 2018 Spring Annual Town Meeting on May 3, 2018, no other business was transacted on May 10, 2018 and separate minutes of the May 10, 2018 meeting are not available. Carol A. Gloff, Chairman of this CBRC