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Plympton Bylaw Review Committee

Minutes for January 3rd, 2019

6:30 PM, Small Meeting Room

The meeting, having been duly posted with an agenda, was opened by Chair, Alan Wheelock at 6:39 PM.

Committee Members Present: Dave Alberti, Amy Cronin, Jean Cohen, Ann Sobolewski, Ted Taranto, Ken Thompson and Alan Wheelock.

Regrets: Kim Russo

Guests: None

1. Minutes Approval. The minutes from the December 6th meeting, submitted by Alan Wheelock, were approved as written.

2. Priorities. After completion of the top priority Schedule of Uses Table, the Committee discussed subsequent priorities. There were two additional proprieties: Solar Facilities By-law updates and marijuana regulations.

The Marijuana Regulations will be worked on in collaboration with the Planning Committee. The Attorney General rejected the moratorium on marijuana regulations, and a letter has been written to appeal this decision. The work will be based on the AG's response.

The current Solar Facilities By-law was added to the town's Zoning By-laws several years ago, and can be found in Section 6, General Regulations. Solar facilities are addressed in Sections 6.10.1 through 6.10.5.7.3. The Committee agreed that, given the increasing success of the solar industry as a form of alternative energy, this entire section of the By-Law should be reviewed and – if necessary – updated in time for this spring's Town Meeting.

3. Subcommittee Updates on the Allowed Uses Table. At previous meetings, the Committee had agreed to divide itself into three subcommittees in order to facilitate the review and updating of the Town's Allowed Uses Table – one of the most important sections of the existing By-law document. It was noted that Westport has some great models for By-laws that attempts to maintain the character of the town.

The working subcommittees for **Allowed Uses** are as follows:

- Commercial Uses – Ann, Kim and Ted
- Residential Uses – Alan, Amy, and Jean
- Industrial – Ken and Dave.

Dave and Ken provided an update on the Industrial and Light Uses. Ann and Ted provided an update on the Commercial Uses. There was quite a bit of discussion of existing definitions, and creation of clear definitions.

The goal of the next meeting will be to present the 3 subcommittees' work.

Next Meeting: The next scheduled meetings are January 17th and February 7th at 6:30 PM. Meetings are typically held every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by Alan Wheelock at 7:40 pm.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Amy Cronin.