



Plympton Bylaw Review Committee

Minutes for August 17, 2017

6:30 PM, Small Meeting Room

The meeting, having been duly posted with an agenda, was opened by Chair, Allan Wheelock at 6:35 PM.

Committee Members Present: Jean Cohen, Amy Cronin, Linda Leddy, Ann Sobolewski, Ted Taranto, Ken Thompson and Alan Wheelock

Regrets: Dave Alberti and Kimberly Russo

Guests: None

1. Minutes Approval. The minutes from the 08-03-17 were accepted with no amendments.

2. Law Review. There was discussion of the meeting this week with Richard Bowen, supplemental town counsel. He will be invited to a Bylaw Review Committee meeting on September 7th.

3. Codification Update. A conference call was held this week with General Code (a company that was contracted to modify the Bylaw) and several members of the Bylaw Review and Tara Shaw. They have done this for many towns in MA. They have a database with algorithms to identify the areas out of alignment with State law; they'll produce a report (organizational analysis) with their findings. Concerns were raised that the "product" given to the town will be in some proprietary software (like Eco360) where the town will be unable to modify. The ideal situation would be a format (like shown in Barnstable Zoning) online, and a product given to the town in a format that we can "own" such as a .pdf or Word document. Allan Wheelock will ask the question.

4. Planning Board Update. Ann Sobolewski reported that the Planning Board will likely not be able to provide a member to the Bylaw Review Committee unless they get a new member.

5. Building Department. Ken Thompson will send the Halifax Bylaw for the Building Department that has some enforcement qualities that would be good for Plympton; Tom Millias is in the process of proposing changes in the Halifax Bylaw. We will invite Tom to talk with us regarding his findings during the September 21st meeting.

6. Workflow. Ken Thompson did an overview of the flowchart. Between now and the end of September, Ken will speak to the key departments who will be reviewers of the Bylaw submissions and the workflow process will be completed by the end of September.

7. Bylaw Review. Work was completed through §2.2.2.2.

Next Meeting: Thursday 09/07/17 at 6:30 pm

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by Alan Wheelock at 8:35 pm.

The minutes are respectfully submitted by Amy Cronin.