



Town of Burlington

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2017

The meeting convened at approximately 7:00 p.m., Thursday, June 15, 2017. Present were: Mike Vollono, vice chairman, Dick Alden, John Derewonko, and Pat Miller, members, and Ginger Doherty, alternate member. Also in attendance was First Selectman Ted Shafer.

Citizen Comment:

No citizen comment.

Acceptance of the May 18, 2017 Meeting Minutes:

The minutes were accepted unanimously.

Discussion of Upcoming June 20 Ordinance Vote:

The committee generally discussed the procedure by which the Town will be voting on the proposed ordinances at the June 20, 2017 town meeting, including the schedule of that meeting as well as the opportunity that will be provided for public comment and discussion. Dave Goshdigian, secretary, arrived at approximately 8 p.m. The committee discussed whether certain proposed ordinances that substantially revised existing ordinances would be considered amendments to the existing ordinance or new ordinances that would also require repealing the preexisting ordinance. The documents prepared for that meeting indicate that they are considered amendments to existing ordinances.

Discussion of Outstanding Issues from Editorial and Legal Analysis

Dave Goshdigian reviewed the responses that he has received from Town officials and departments regarding questions presented in the Editorial and Legal Analysis. The committee voted to recommend removing the Old Age and Survivors Insurance System for Employees based on the advice of Ellie Parente, Director of Finance. The ordinance regarding the Appointment of Constables will be sent to the Board of Selectmen for their review, recommending that the Selectmen reconsider the political party affiliation requirement in this ordinance, and consider allowing the appointment of up to a certain number of constables so as to provide flexibility in staffing expenditures. The committee voted unanimously to recommend removing the provision regarding political party affiliation of the Zoning Board of Appeals ordinance, as that subject matter is covered by the Town Charter. The committee agreed to recommend leaving the ordinance regarding Outdoor Fires as is, except for including the standardized enforcement language. Additionally, the committee agreed to recommend that the ordinance regarding street numbers be amended to reflect current practice as described by the Town Assessor, which is to assign a street number only after a plan has been submitted to the Land Use Office, and to notify the Land Use Office of the street number assigned instead of the property owner. The committee also agreed to recommend that the Town vote on whether to exempt horses and ponies from property taxation.



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The committee agreed to send material regarding Floodplain Management Maps and penalties to Mary-Jane and Duncan, respectively, for their input. The ordinances regarding Vehicles and Traffic will be submitted to the Burlington Police Department for its input.

The committee agreed to table certain items, specifically, the outstanding issues with respect to the Ethics Commission, noting that the commission wanted the flexibility to change the date of their annual meeting, and the ordinances regarding Building Construction and Fees, as those were the subject of certain recommendations from the Zoning Enforcement Officer. The committee also agreed to table the discussion of the ordinance requiring permits for Excavation and Obstruction of Streets and Highways.

New Business

There was no new business.

Items for July 20, 2017 Meeting

The committee will continue to discussion the outstanding matters from the Editorial and Legal Analysis and discuss the recommendations from the Zoning Enforcement Officer.

There being no further business, Pat Miller moved to adjourn, Dave Goshdigian seconded the motion, and the committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Goshdigian
Secretary, Ordinance Committee