



Town of Burlington

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2017

The meeting convened at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, July 20, 2017. Present were: Mike Vollono, vice chairman, Dave Goshdigan, secretary, Dick Alden, John Derewonko, and Pat Miller, members.

Citizen Comment:

Rob Lamothe commented on the Right to Farm ordinance, which did not pass during the public meeting on June 20, 2017. Mr. Lamothe was in favor of the proposed ordinance and suggested that more education could help the public better understand this ordinance. He detailed the benefits of promoting farming in town, specifically, because farming is a viable occupation, it is a means of sustaining the community in the event of an emergency, and it helps to teach the youth about respect, hard work, and responsibility. Mr. Lamothe hoped that the town would revisit this ordinance in the future. When asked about his thoughts on the Agricultural Commission, another ordinance that was defeated at the public vote, he said that he thought that commission could be another way to introduce younger residents to farming.

Acceptance of the May 18, 2017 Meeting Minutes:

Dick Alden moved to accept the May 18, 2017 minutes; Pat Miller seconded the motion, and the minutes were accepted unanimously.

Discussion of June 20, 2017 Town Meeting:

The committee generally discussed certain comments from the public that were made at the June 20, 2017 town meeting. Dave Goshdigan asked whether anyone would consider revisiting the licensed bartender requirement in the Alcohol Ordinance, which some members of the public had criticized. The committee generally agreed that the requirement was needed in order to ensure safety at events where alcohol is being served.

The committee then generally discussed the timing and substance of the upcoming town vote on the codification project, but that first the Editorial and Legal Analysis needed to be submitted to General Code. The committee agreed that the agenda for the upcoming August meeting will consist of any outstanding items in the Editorial and Legal Analysis. Then, following that meeting, the committee will submit the Editorial and Legal Analysis to the Town Clerk, Mary-Jane Ugalde, who will transmit it to General Code.

Discussion of Outstanding Issues from the Editorial and Legal Analysis

The remaining issues from the Editorial and Legal Analysis will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

New Business

There was no new business.



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Items for August 17, 2017 Meeting

The committee will review any outstanding issues from the Editorial and Legal Analysis, and then vote whether to submit that document to Mary-Jane Ugalde for transmittal to General Code.

There being no further business, Dick Alden moved to adjourn, Pat Miller seconded the motion, and the committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Goshdigian
Secretary, Ordinance Committee