

Minutes Wetlands Protection By-law Study Committee

February 3, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. Town Hall

Present: Patek, Kent, Hall, Canty, Hastings, Vanderslice, Antrim Absent: Barletta

Members of the public: Bea Rogers, Diane Monteith

1. January 6 minutes examined and accepted. Motion by Hall and second by Canty.
2. Barletta absent but Kent reported his homework concerning fees coming in to Con Com. At the moment they are going into the General Fund but should be going to a Con Com account. The goal is to get this fixed in the next fiscal year, July 1 2020 – June 30 2021. Amounts received: into 2019 calendar year; \$4,240.50 into fiscal year \$3,550.50. This is approximately 7 times the Con Com's budgeted amount and it is a big help for covering their expenses.
3. Vanderslice confirmed that our report will be printed in the Warrant book.
4. Kent will complete her document comparing wetlands laws tomorrow and send to Patek.
5. Kent has almost completed her educational document based on the Danvers template.
6. Kent will add "functions and values" to her "What are wetlands?" educational document and send it to Patek.
7. Vanderslice's new flow chart based on original one. It needs a minor change in contact info which he will fix and send final document to Patek. This will be posted on the Con Com website as well as being printed in the Warrant book.
8. Primary goal of our report will be to answer the question: "If I live in Nahant, this is what I do when I contemplate a project", or something along those lines.
9. Kent will create another document for the website: "Exempt activities". These are listed in the By-law text. She will send it to Patek who will send it to Robert Wilson and cc Kent.
10. We examined a document written by Kent and transmitted by Antrim: "Analysis of MA WPA vs. NWP By-law". The layout of this document will be overhauled by Vanderslice, making it all in landscape layout. He requests that all documents be either docx or excel format.
11. Of all the regional towns/cities, only eight have no town by-law and Boston is about to adopt one.
12. Antrim will create "Outline of Introductory Paragraph and Report Format" and send to Patek. Vanderslice proposed that there be an executive summary in the first paragraph of our document beginning with the words "This By-law addresses...."
13. Bea Rogers, member of the public, expressed her reasons for filing her article for the Warrant seeking a new vote by the public as to whether the Wetlands Protection By-law should be repealed or retained. Kent replied that if by-laws are very specific, the Con Com loses flexibility to help property owners do work. Kent stated that most other towns' by-laws are much more strict than Nahant's.
14. It was agreed that Antrim would procure a projector and make sure a laptop will sync with it for our next meeting because Vanderslice will create our report during the meeting and we will all be able to work through it in real time and edit it.

Homework: Please go through the above minutes and check what you need to do. Kent and Vanderslice and Antrim have homework.

Adjourned 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Vi Patek