

Bylaw Review Committee

Minutes

August 14, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

Volunteer Room, Town Hall

Attendees: Paul Cohen, Corey Dufresne, Elaine Lazarus, Rick Maiore, Stephanie Opalka, Cindy Russo

Meeting called to order at 7:35 p.m.

Minutes of July 25 meeting were read, corrected, and unanimously approved.

Thank you to Corey for his distribution of the Groton and Framingham information to everyone, helpful information because these communities went ahead and made changes in all bylaws through one or several warrant article(s).

Our responsibility as a committee is to review only the bylaws, not the regulations of the General Code. A suggestion was made to ask Tim Bragan to have each board or committee update their regulations, approve them at their meetings and replace them. No Town Meeting vote is required to get the regulations into compliance. Why are the Select Board/Board of Selectmen regulations not in the General Code? Again, a suggestion to ask Tim Bragan to look into this.

A discussion about how many changes were needed in the bylaws led to a “let’s just start” going through the bylaws decision. All bylaws that were distributed by email were discussed and changes noted. These changes will be made and a draft/redlined document distributed by Stephanie prior to the next meeting for review.

Paul will let Tim Bragan know that we hope to have bylaw review completed in time for the Special Town Meeting in October. These will have to be reviewed by Mark Lanza, Town Attorney prior to the STM.

There was no public commentary.

Next meeting September 5, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. in Volunteer Town Hall room.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.