

Minutes of the Town of Stockbridge Ad-Hoc Zoning ByLaw Review Committee

Date of Meeting: November 29th, 2017, 5:30 p.m.

Committee Attendees: Kate Fletcher (co-chair, PB), Ruth Pearce (co-chair, PB), John Hart (CC), Jim Murray (ZBA), Carl Sprague (HPC)

Audience: Joshua Peyron, Barney Edmonds, Anita Schwerner, Stuart Hirshfield, Jim Balfanz, L Freeman

Welcome: Kate Fletcher welcomed the committee members and the audience to the fourth meeting of the ad-hoc committee.

Minutes of previous meeting: First item on the agenda was the minutes of the November 13th, 2017 meeting. Minutes approved unanimously. Ruth to ask Danielle to put on the town website.

Follow-up on actions items:

Interactive bylaws: Kate reported that other towns such as Williamstown and Lenox do not have interactive bylaws on their websites. However, Great Barrington's zoning bylaws have links without overdoing it and at least one diagram. Kate will share the link for the members to review. Ruth will also find a couple of examples of websites from the eastern part of the state that might provide a good model. They also have examples of diagrams to illustrate the laws more effectively.

Definitions Review

This section of the minutes is accompanied by a marked electronic copy of the Zoning Bylaws (see attached).

1. Proposal – Review the definitions to ensure they define the word or phrase in question and do not incorporate prohibitions and restrictions. All prohibitions and restrictions should be contained in the by-law not the definition.
2. After a long discussion about the possible implications of the Fast Food definition, Jim Murray agreed to research the origins and possibly a more suitable definition for that section.
3. Discussion of the family definition raised some concerns about why five unrelated people count as a family – Ruth to research.
4. Discussion of hotel raised concerns about the use of transient and permanent in relation to feeding (meals).
5. Discuss of the definitions continued. Several definitions were discussed that the committee felt needed to be reviewed in conjunction with the relevant bylaw and not in isolation.

Any other business

Posting of the meetings on the bulletin board: Ruth will request that all meeting times/dates and agendas are posted on the bulletin board.

Next meeting: The committee will return to its regular schedule of 2nd & 4th Monday. The next meeting will be Monday December 11th, 2017 at 5:30pm. It was noted that there will be NO meeting on December 25th (Christmas Day).

The Committee voted to close the meeting at 6:30pm

Actions:

Action	Owner	Due Date	Status
Committee to review definitions and be ready to discuss	ALL	10/23/17	In progress
Look at other towns to see how they have created their online bylaws	Kate	Next Meeting	Report provided
Distribute all submissions from the town to the committee members	Kate	11/17/17	Complete
Follow up with BI on the redline copy of the bylaws	Ruth	Next meeting	Complete
Provide link to members for the GB bylaws	Kate	12/4/17	
Provide examples of other towns to review	Ruth	12/4/17	
Research and propose an amended definition for Fast Food	Jim	Next meeting	
Research the origins of family definition	Ruth	Next Meeting	

Greyed out items will be deleted in the next set of minutes as they are complete.

Next meeting: Monday December 11th, 2017 at 5:30pm