

BYLAW REVIEW COMMITTEE  
TOWN OF BECKET  
557 MAIN ST.  
BECKET, MA 01223

MINUTES  
APRIL 5, 2017

ATTENDING: Jeanne Pryor (JP), Chair; Ann Krawet (AK); Mark Karlberg (MK); George Roberts (GR); Bruce Garlow (BG)

OTHERS: Tom Austin (TA), Camp Greylock

JP opened the meeting at 10:07 am.

MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF DECEMBER 14, 2016 AND MARCH 22, 2017

MK said the minutes were not available and would be available at the next meeting.

**Appropriation REQUEST FOR BECKET GENERAL BYLAWS**

JP continued a discussion begun at the previous meeting about the town appropriating money to format and publish the Town Bylaws. After discussion, it was agreed to initiate the project when the appropriation is secured, rather than to wait until the committee completes its review of all the bylaws, and JP moved, AK seconded and the committee voted to forward an article to the Selectmen, as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the formatting, indexing, printing, publication, and binding of the Town Bylaws.

**DISCUSSION OF REQUEST FOR DARK SKIES BYLAW**

Tom Austin introduced himself as an employee of Camp Greylock and said he was there to discuss a possible dark sky bylaw, especially as it would apply to lighting at summer camps.

JP read a letter to her and Town Administrator Ed Gibson from Amy Perlmutter of Leonhardt Rd. in which Ms. Perlmutter expressed her interest in having the town adopt a dark skies bylaw that would regulate exterior lighting.

JP noted that the town does not own the few street lights located here and suggested the committee concentrate on lighting that's located on private property. She distributed sample bylaws from several communities and GR noted he had received a call from Bill Koch from Camp Watitoh and that Mr. Koch was not opposed to such a bylaw, generally, but that the camp has outdoor playing courts and other areas that require exterior, nighttime lighting. GR also said that the Zoning Board of Appeals received a complaint about exterior lighting at Jacob's Pillow. The committee reviewed the sample bylaws and TA said Camp Greylock was switching to all LED lighting as a cost saver. BG suggested that the committee work on a timeline where a draft bylaw would be available in late summer and that the committee hold a public hearing when the summer camps and seasonal residents could participate.

It was agreed that committee members would review the sample bylaws and Dark Skies Association website and that the discussion would continue at the next meeting.

**GENERAL REVIEW OF TOWN BYLAWS (ARTICLE 1 THRU ARTICLE 2B)**

Committee members agreed to review the bylaws generally for the next meeting, including the use of subheadings, table of contents, capitalization and the standardization of language, fonts and other formatting to make the bylaws uniform throughout.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE PER MGL C. 30A, S. 20(B)  
It was briefly discussed to consider a sound bylaw at some future meeting.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be May 31 at 10:00 am.

At 11:15 am MK moved, AK seconded and the committee voted to adjourn the meeting.

Materials discussed and available at the meeting:

Town Bylaws

Letter from Amy Perlmutter

Outdoor Lighting Section of the Truro General Bylaws

Regulation of Outdoor Lighting Section of Arlington Bylaws

Citizen Planner Training Collaborative resource materials

Outdoor Lighting Section of the Nantucket Bylaws

Respectfully Submitted by Bruce Garlow

Approved by Jeanne Pryor, Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeanne W. Pryor". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned to the right of the printed name "Approved by Jeanne Pryor, Chair".