

Members Present: Sam Albert, Police Chief; Betsy Haley-Cormier, Town Clerk; Joshua Hall, DPW Director; Karen Murphy, Town Administrator

Members Absent: Charlie Aubuchon, Citizen-at-Large; Sharon Taylor, Citizen-at-Large; Brenda Bodanza, Citizen-at-Large

Others Present: Lt. Mike McDonald; Kevin Nivala, Fire Chief

CALL TO ORDER

S. Albert called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in Room 205 of the Westminster Town Hall.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – DECEMBER 17, 2015

J. Hall made a motion to approve the minutes of December 17, 2015. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

BYLAW REVIEW

Chapter 14 Capital Plan

K. Murphy distributed changes requested by the Capital Planning Committee for their bylaw.

The committee discussed these changes. J. Hall made a motion to accept the changes as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Chapter 125 Junkyards

The committee discussed this bylaw, and determined that it should be left as is.

Chapter 141 Soliciting

The committee discussed the soliciting bylaw and added the following language to the bylaw;

“...activities by students of schools within the town or AWRSD School District, town-coordinated athletics, Girl Scout or Boy Scout activities or persons engaged in similar types of activities as determined by the Chief of Police,”

J. Hall made a motion to accept the addition to Chapter 141. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Chapter 182 Taxi Cabs

Chief Albert distributed his proposed changes to the taxi cab bylaw.

The committee discussed the handout provided.

K. Murphy made a motion to accept the changes to Chapter 182 as distributed and presented by Chief Albert. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Chapter 193 Abandoned Vehicles

The committee discussed the bylaw covering abandoned vehicles.

M. McDonald indicated there should be further action for noncompliance with this bylaw, regarding subsequent offenses and the increase in fines charged for those offenses.

K. Murphy indicated that she would discuss this with Town Counsel in order to remain consistent with the law.

The committee briefly discussed Chapter 4, Advisory Board.

K. Murphy indicated that she had spoken with the Advisory Board and the only change they wished to make was to remove the requirement of informing the newspapers about their votes regarding town bonds and borrowing. The committee discussed this change and agreed that it would be beneficial.

J. Hall made a motion to accept the changes proposed by the Advisory Board. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

The next meeting of the Bylaw Review Committee will be held on Wednesday January 27, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.