

Westhampton Zoning Bylaws Review Committee  
Tuesday, February 21, 2017

**MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Present: John Shaw, Art Pichette, Steve Gagne, John Kelsey, Bill McCloud, Bob Turner, Larry Smith

Zoning Bylaw Review Committee – Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) approved scope of services. Deadline for project is December 2017 with 150 hours from PVPC. Focus of the committee should be on “gray” areas within the Bylaws.

Larry Smith will send a list of suggested areas that Planning Board and ZBA should consider as to what is not working with the town’s Bylaws.

Discussed was recommended revisions from Ginny Curtis –

1.0 TITLE These ordinances and bylaws shall be known and cited as the “Westhampton Zoning Bylaws”.

1.1 AUTHORITY The Westhampton Zoning Bylaws are adopted pursuant to the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40A, “The Zoning Act”, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 808 of the Acts of 1975.

1.2 PURPOSES These adopted zoning bylaws regulate the use of land, buildings, and structures to the full extent of the independent constitutional powers of cities and town in the Commonwealth. They are to establish standardized administrative procedures and foster public awareness of the Westhampton Zoning Bylaws,

1.3 OBJECTIVES

- \* To protect the health, safety, and general welfare of present and future Westhampton inhabitants.

- \* To protect and conserve the value of property, including: conservation of natural resources, reduction of hazards and prevention of blight and pollution of the environment,

- \* To encourage the most appropriate use(s) of the land within the Town.

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Section II: Zoning Districts

2.0 TYPES OF DISTRICTS

ARA – Aquifer Recharge Areas – John Shaw to contact the Conservation Committee on an update.

2.1: District Location and Boundaries

(All referenced maps should be verified and updated from “1979 on file with Town Clerk”. With technology, surveys, site plans, and required plot plans – there is no need for guess work for land use planning and boundary lines in the AR – Agricultural/Residential district)

## 2.2 Hazardous Waste District - To be deleted

For March meeting, the Committee will come up with deficiencies within the Bylaws as well as look at the definitions.

Meeting minutes from November 20 and December 20, 2016 were reviewed and accepted by the Committee. John to have Cheryl send all minutes to the Committee.

Next meeting March 21, 2017 @ 7 p m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.