

ZONING BYLAW REVIEW COMMITTEE (ZBRC) 2 0 2 0

Members of the committee are: Pat Coffee, Steve Gagne, John Kelsey, Bill McCloud, Brigid O'Riorda, Art Pichette, and John Shaw.

In January the members worked on the new "Short Term Rental" Bylaw. After meeting with some town residents and the Building Inspector a final draft recommendation was completed.

Some of our next scheduled meetings were cancelled due to weather and Covid 19.

A new "Common Driveway" Bylaw was the next project for the members. A draft bylaw was proposed and discussion began with some residents, Teri Anderson, from the Selectboard, and the Building Inspector. A final draft recommendation was completed.

A new "Wireless Communication Facility" Bylaw was the next project for the committee. The (FCC) Federal Communications Commission has rules and regulations already in force on this subject. The members worked on things that Westhampton can control and regulate. A final draft recommendation was completed.

A new "Wind Turbine" Bylaw proposal was sent to committee members to consider. The members decided to change their focus to Table 1, "Schedule of Use Regulations" and put the Wind Turbine Bylaw on the back burner for now.

The members started on Page one (1) and began to make final drafts of the complete Bylaw as they move forward. For the next few months members worked on Table 1, which is the heart of our Bylaws. This was a long process and will most likely need to have some changes before it is finalized.

In September the committee agreed to move to Zoom for all further meetings, and to meet every other week on Wednesday evenings at 6pm.

A new "Accessory Apartment" Bylaw was proposed to the members. The committee continues to work on this proposal. The members agreed to start on "Definitions" next, because they must agree with all other parts of the complete Zoning Bylaw. This is another large part of the complete package and will take a great deal of time and research. That review continues into the new year.

The committee is committed to a thorough review so their final recommendations to the Planning Board will be as up to date as possible. When we have a final draft of this large Zoning Bylaw it will be placed on the town website so everyone can start to review it. The committee in conjunction with the Planning Board will hold public hearings on the complete Zoning Bylaw before it goes to a vote.

At this time all of our meetings are on Zoom and open for residents to join. Our agenda is posted with the Town Clerk with information on how to join and dates of meetings.

Thank you,
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