

Town of Northbridge
Bylaw Review Committee Meeting Minutes

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Northbridge Town Hall

NORTHBRIDGE TOWN CLERK
11-10-2016

In attendance: Denis Latour, Henry Lane, Lisa Ferguson, Mark Key, James Marzec, John Killeen, Kay Killeen

The meeting was called to order by Chair Denis Latour at 6:03 pm.

John & Kay Killeen raised questions about soil removal and fill near Riverdale Mill. After some discussion, the specific question involved whether a bylaw existed that covers topsoil that is brought in as fill; what mechanisms are in place to ensure fill is free of contaminants, to determine source, etc.? Examples were given from Uxbridge, where recent concerns about earth removal have surfaced. There were other questions on time constraints of trucks entering & exiting the site; the Committee referred the residents to other town officials under whose jurisdiction these matters fall.

Questions & Topics arising from the committee:

- Who has jurisdiction over cable companies?
- Mr. Marzec proposed there could be a separate bylaw governing truck traffic, perhaps in the form of zoning.
- A question of proper operating hours of the gun range in the area (referred to Building Inspector. Mr. Marzec agreed to investigate the permitting process for this type of business.
- From Denis Latour – presented changes suggested by the Town Clerk to align current bylaws with 2012 Charter & those proposed by the Conservation Commission. Mr. Lane agreed to review the proposed changes.
- Mr. Marzec discussed possible changes to how personnel decisions are made (e.g. Appointments, Department Heads, etc.)
- Mr. Latour presented preliminary research from previous town meetings to ensure all changes voted by the town have been incorporated. Two specific questions were posed: Single hauler bylaw & whether the Associate Member of the Planning Board is based in bylaw.
- General discussion of the process of incorporation of bylaws once confirmed at Town Meeting
- The only To Do noted is Mr. Latour's agreeing to invite the Chief of Police to the January meeting to discuss bylaws pertaining to dogs.
- The next meeting is 1/12/17 at 6pm

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Mark Key

Clerk

Denis Latour Chairman