TOWN OF BURLINGTON

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DEPT./BOARD: General Bylaw Review Committee

DATE: January 18, 2021 2022

TIME: 6:30 PM

PLACE: Virtual via Zoom

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Chair Scott Martin, Vice Chair Phyllis Neufeld, David Miller, Wendy Guthro

GUEST: TMM Betsey Hughes, TMM Monte Pearson,

Assistant Conservation Administrator Eileen Coleman

Minutes

Chair Scott Martin called the meeting to order at 6:37 PM.

Vote on Article 2, Town Meeting Members

TMM Betsey Hughes expressed her gratitude to the committee for assistance with the article that she is proposing, regarding Town Meeting member attendance and re-election procedures. With a change of the word "guidelines" to "requirements" at the end of the article, the committee voted unanimously, 4-0, to recommend this article. The motion to recommend was made by Phyllis, seconded by Dave.

Discussion on Stormwater Article changes

Eileen Coleman, Assistant Conservation Administrator, told the committee that the Conservation Department would be asking the committee to review changes to the Stormwater article, and that the plans are to submit the amendments to the May Town Meeting. She said that the proposals are not "structural changes," but are instead added details to "tighten up" regulations, especially for smaller projects. She said that houses in Burlington are becoming larger, with larger driveways, impacting drainage and other issues that are frequently of concern to neighbors. Eileen said that the amendments are currently being discussed with other Town departments, and that she expects to have a proposal for this committee's review at the next meeting on February 15. Scott asked that, if possible, the proposal be sent to committee members before the meeting, so that members would have more time for review.





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Discussion on Article regarding mandatory hearing by the Select Board on housing project proposals

TMM Monte Pearson discussed this article with committee members, answering committee questions about how the article would be implemented, the vote of the Select Board, and how the vote/reasons for the vote would be communicated and to whom. Monte said that he had already filed the article, so that any changes by this committee should be submitted as an amendment to Town Meeting. Although the final version as edited by the committee received consensus, due to a lack of a quorum the committee could not take a vote to recommend.

Review of minutes from the December 14, 2021 meeting

The committee members present had no corrections to the minutes as presented; however, due to a lack of a quorum the vote to approve was postponed to the next meeting.

Upon a motion made and seconded, Vice Chair Phyllis Neufeld adjourned the meeting at 7:45 PM.

