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ORDINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 7, 2012

The February 7, 2012 meeting of the Ordinance Review Committee was called to order at 6:07 PM by Chairman Adam Weissberger. Present at the meeting were Town Council Members: Adam Weissberger, Chair; Dan Sullivan; Ginny Gingras and Tom Didio. Also in attendance: Town Administrator John D. Ward, Attorney Martin Burke, Town Clerk Bernice Dixon and Diane Wheelock, Executive Assistant.

The meeting began by a presentation from Bernice Dixon, Town Clerk. She brought copies of an emailed document sent to the committee on February 6, 2012 and also explained the Code Book concept as opposed to the Ordinance Book. A discussion took place about the documents. Attorney Burke suggested that the Committee ignore the bonding ordinances for now and go straight to the yellow highlighted ordinances in his presentation. (Both Ms. Dixon's and Attorney Burke's handouts are attached for the record).

The committee began their ordinance review with Ordinance #275, modified by Ordinance #278. The committee instructed Bernice Dixon to advise the company used to codify ordinances to codify Ordinances #275 and #278. Further Member Didio requested that Ms. Dixon put a historical note on #275 that it was modified by #278.

Next Ordinance #279 modified by Ordinance #291 was discussed. Ordinance #279 is still valid and should have the historical note that it was modified by #291. Member Gingras requested that the word "ordinance" was misspelled in Ordinance #291 and should be corrected.

Both Ordinances #275/278 and #279/291 should have the fee structure reviewed.

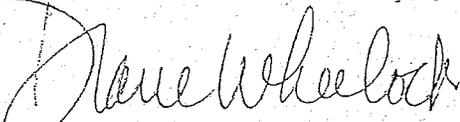
Ordinance #281 was discussed briefly and the committee was split on whether this ordinance should be repealed. The committee requested that the Assessor be requested to provide statistics on the use of this ordinance, # of taxpayers using it etc. for their next meeting.

Ordinance #28 was amended by Ordinance #283. The fees appear to be fine, but it was requested that for historical purposes a notation be made on #28 to reflect it being amended by Ordinance #283.

Ordinance #284 which was amended by 186, 224, 225 and 235 respectively should be reviewed by Public Works Director Kleinhans for suggestions in light of the major overhaul done to the refuse container program. A request will be made to Mr. Kleinhans for a report.

The next meeting of the committee will be February 22, 2012 6:00 – 8:00 PM in the Mayor's Office.
The committee adjourned at 7:15PM to accommodate the Town Council meeting at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Diane Wheelock
Acting Recording Secretary

APPROVED April 16, 2012