

Cotuit Fire District
By-Laws Committee
September 26, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.
Minutes

Call to Order

Present: Penny Lavert, Lisa Mycock-Kelly (Prudential), Mark Robinson (Water), Mimi McConnell, Kevin Conley (Fire)

Public Recoding: Amy Kates

Elect Chairperson: Lisa stated that as the initial chair of the By-Laws, she first would like to ask if anyone has any thoughts or suggestions for a chair person for the committee this year. Lisa Mycock was nominated, seconded, all in favor. Lisa thanked everyone.

Elect Clerk: Next nomination was for a clerk-Mimi McConnell was nominated, but she declined, Mark Robinson volunteered, seconded, all in favor.

Discussion of By-Laws: Lisa asked previous members about By-Laws that still need tweaking or any additions/changes that were discussing last year. Lisa is familiar with one that she dealt with at the end of the year that is on the agenda for this evening. Penny stated that the biggest one that was introduced but no action was taken as there were several items from the water department, it is somewhat complicated and needed more time-we did not push it through. It is going to take some careful work on our part to understand it perfectly and what the complications are according to the laws that govern us-that may be our major work for the year-Mark will be the key person to bring in the changes. Mark asked if this is regarding the stabilization/capital fund? Lisa stated for the record they are discussing Article IX Section 5 which was an issue last year as it been mentioned that no action was taken at that time.

Discussion of Article IX, Section 5: Mark stated that Victor has offered to return this spring to help us with this. Mark said that as he understands it-this has to do with funding an account that hadn't been set up to receive funds-not exactly sure so Victor is going to come in and educate the water commissioners. Lisa stated that one of the concerns was this fund was going to be funded with the just the basic use charges that are assessed by the water department in the new connections and doesn't believe it was a significant amount of money/revenue being generated by those because there are not that many new connections in the village anymore-pretty much built out. Lisa recalls that it was very cumbersome for the Treasurer to have to track these particular funds since it wasn't a large amount. Would have to ask the Treasurer how much was generated each year from the new connections. Mark offered to bring more information on this to the next meeting. Mimi asked if there was a proposal, Penny said it was discussed, but there wasn't enough information and decided to postpone it to the next meeting. Not able to go any further on this until information is received from the water department-Lisa agreed and suggested to ask the Treasurer or the water department exactly

how much money is generated pursuant to the services specifically set for Section 5 and from Lisa's recollection from last year looking more for an ongoing forestry management idea that would need a lot more funding than would be getting than by setting up a cumbersome account-Mimi asked if the account was already set up-Lisa is not sure would have to ask our Treasurer. Penny said there was also the aspect of modifying their own hours/ability to look after the properties that belong to the water department. Lisa asked if Victor provided any information or handouts last year-answer was no, but he presented the outline of what they were hoping to do and he asked us to be patient until they had more work done on it until it came to discussion. Mark will review the minutes from last spring plus will talk with Victor, Chris and Tom to get up to speed. There is no current proposal for spring management although some inventory work was done.

Lisa asked if there were any Bylaws that weren't discussed last year that had come to anyone's attention that we need to address? No, though Mimi has a question about keeping us up to date on the latest (unintelligible) of the By-laws because working on an outdated set and in one case amendments to the By-law that had been made were not reflected in what we are using and not yet available Charlie Eager did correct all those to be in the proper format, but think we all need to be sure we are looking at the correct document. Lisa will scan and email the correct documents to all the committee members.

Matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair: NA

Motion made to adjourn, seconded, all in favor