

Bylaw Committee
Freedom Hall, 976 Main Street, Cotuit
January 28, 2020

Call to Order 4PM

Roll Call: Penny Levert, Scott Horsley, Fran Parks

Absent: Adam Zais. Mimi McConnell

No Public Recording

No Public Comment

Nominate Committee Chair: Penny nominated Fran Parks, Scott Horsley seconded, all in favor

Nominate Clerk: Fran Parks nominated Penny Levert, she agreed, Scott Horsley seconded, all in favor

Bylaw Review: Committee previously reviewed the Bylaws. Scott commented that he is planning to propose a regulation to restrict the use of water for irrigation. Penny asked aren't we paying for it under what was passed last year? Scott replied maybe not enough-will present a report at the next Water Commissioner's meeting. Scott wanted to get on record that after reading the Bylaws it appears to him that we are authorized to enact a regulation under the Bylaws. Originally Scott was going to suggest amending the Bylaws. Penny asked if this means it can be pushed through without being discussed by anyone else? Fran replied she contacted Mr. Boudreau about this, his reply was typically a Water Department through its Superintendent may issue a water ban especially in the time of drought. He doesn't know what authority a water department has over the installation of irrigations systems even if a new Bylaw goes into effect banning the installation of new irrigation systems, not sure it can be enforced and to his knowledge Massachusetts has not promulgated regulations regarding licensing or permits for the installation of irrigations systems so believes anyone can install one. This issue would be one of a ban of water use. Scott replied to answer Penny's question-absolutely not we would have to have a public meeting. Penny stated if thinking of doing this, suggested postponing the idea with the increase of the water rates now-pr will be awful. Further discussion continued regarding ByLaw wording regarding the Water Department. Fran is unaware of any other ByLaw change requests

Suggested bylaw updates: N/A

Fran asked to accept a motion to adjourn, Penny made a motion to adjourn, seconded, all in favor