

Zoning Recodification Working Group (ZRWG)
November 17, 2017
Arlington Town Hall, First Floor Conference Room
8:00-9:20 AM

Attendees: David Watson (ARB), Christian Klein (ZBA), Steve Revilak (Town Meeting Member), Cathy Garnett (Conservation Commission), Charlie Kalaskas (Master Plan Implementation Committee), Nancy Flynn-Barvick (at-large), Ralph Willmer (Master Plan Implementation Committee), Jenny Raitt and Laura Wiener (DPCD Staff)

Guests: Marshall Audin

Meeting summary of 11/1/17 was reviewed and approved as amended.

Jenny announced that the Selectmen will call a Special Town Meeting for February 12, 2018.

Hearing Draft. Members were asked to review their section of Hearing Draft, and provide redline edits to Laura, who will make changes to a master document. Some changes were discussed regarding notification of map changes. The Annotated version of the Hearing Draft has the comments from Members within it. Numbers and symbols will be represented in this way: 100%; 7 feet 3 inches.

Outreach. In 1975 there were 4 precinct meetings. Before the ARB hearing, Staff will send a letter or post card to all Town Meeting Members about the date of the public hearing and any other public meetings. The ARB public hearing is the last time to air questions and concerns, make changes to the document. Neighborhood meetings will be informational only. It will be too late to make changes to the document, except on Town Meeting floor. Staff will schedule press interviews and invite Working Group to attend. Staff will send out Town Notice when new draft is posted. Staff will update timeline and schedule additional office hours in December.

Illustrations. What illustrations do we really need? Are the drawings we have from the 1975 bylaw good enough? A small subcommittee will try to finalize the illustrations for next meeting. Steve, Christian, Nancy and Mike.

Conservation Commission related sections of the bylaw. Lela, Cathy and Nathaniel did a review of the Inland Wetland and Floodplains sections of the zoning bylaw. Judi recommended deleting Inland Wetland section. No other community has that in their zoning. Floodplain district is not completely correct on the zoning map. Working Group decided to make minimal changes, only to things that are obsolete in the bylaw. Charlie suggested making bigger changes, including map changes, at a future time.

Town Meeting Member outreach. David reported that he has gotten 45 responses out of 250 emailed and mailed surveys. Vast majority are aware the recodification process is going on. People want a clear explanation of what has changed, and if there are any substantive changes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30. Next meeting is Wednesday December 6, 2017 at 8AM.

Future ZRWG meetings scheduled for: Tuesday December 19.

ARB public hearing: January 8, 2018 (tentative)

Special Town meeting: February 12, 2018 (tentative)