

Minutes: April 7, 2022 Egremont Bylaw Review Committee via Zoom

In attendance:

Mary McGurn, (MM) Chairperson

Richard Allen (RA)

Richard Slutzky (RS)

Eileen Vining (EV)

Guests:

Chet Delaney (CD)

Lucinda Vermeulen (LV)

Absent members: Steve Goodman and Robert Sandor

After introductions of members and guests, the meeting convened at 4:04pm.

The minutes of March 23, 2022 were approved.

Bylaw 16: Hawkers, Peddlers and Tag Sales

The Committee approved the following revisions by a vote of 3-1:

16 Hawkers, Peddlers and Tag Sales

16.1 "Hawker" or "peddler" shall mean any person, either principal or agent, who goes from town to town or from place to place in the same town selling or bartering, or carrying for sale or barter or exposing therefor, any commercial goods, wares or merchandise, either on foot or from any vehicle. "Transient vendor" shall mean any person, either principal or agent, who engages in a temporary or transient business in the Commonwealth selling commercial goods, wares or merchandise, either in one locality or in traveling from place to place; provided, however, that this shall not include any person operating under a written agreement with a licensed promoter.

16.2 No person shall act as a hawker, peddler, or transient vendor on private residential property within the Town of Egremont without the owner's consent, except as permitted by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 101, Section 17 and Section 22. Any person acting as a hawker, peddler or transient vendor desiring to sell on public property shall obtain a license for such purposes from the Select Board.

16.3 The penalty for violation of this Section 16 on public property shall be a fine of \$100 per day and on private property shall be a fine of \$25 per violation, with each private property on which such violation takes place being considered a separate violation.

16.4 Tag Sales

16.4.1 Tag sales, garage sales, yard sales and sales of similar nature (herein, "tag sales")

within the Town of Egremont are allowed at any location by permit, the fee for which shall be set by the Select Board.

16.4.2 No more than three tag sales at the same location will be permitted in one calendar year, with the fees increased for each successive sale.

16.4.3 Permits must be applied for at least 14 days prior to the sale, and the sale shall not be advertised prior to obtaining a permit. Violators of this Bylaw 16.4.3 shall be subject to a fine of \$50.00.

16.4.4 All posted signs, notices, posters, etc., advertising a tag sale must be removed within 24 hours of the completion of said sale. Violators of this Bylaw 16.4.4 shall be subject to a fine of \$10.00 per day.

Alarm systems

The Committee discussed Chief Schneider and Mary Brazie's request for annual inspections of alarm systems. RS pointed out challenges to yearly inspections, mainly for security alarms, because many older alarm systems rely on battery reliant window contacts, and there is no way for a security firm to certify (other than on the day of inspection) that the system is in working order since the batteries could wear out soon after an inspection. RA and RS agreed to speak to two different alarm companies, discuss the feasibility of such inspections, and ascertain whether other MA towns have similar inspections.

Bylaw 17 Roads, Bridges, Driveways

Committee agreed to table the discussion of SG's proposed draft until SG is present.

Bylaw 13 Agriculture

The Committee agreed that it would make sense for the first two sections under 13.1 to appear under the proposed Bylaw 3 on town committees. MM agreed to redraft those sections, so they conform to the style of the other sections under Bylaw 3. Discussion of Bylaw 13 continued to the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Slutzky