

**April 20, 2022 Minutes
Egremont Bylaw Review Committee
Via Zoom**

In Attendance:

Mary McGurn, (MM), Chairperson
Richard Allen (RA)
Steve Goodman (SG)
Robert Sandor (RBS)
Richard Slutzky (ROS) (arriving at 3:45)
Eileen Vining (EV)
Lucinda Vermeulen, guest

After the members were introduced, the meeting began at 3:39 pm.

Minutes

The April 7th minutes were approved unanimously.

Fire Alarms, Request from Fire Chief Schneider

Both ROS and RA reported on their conversations with two separate alarm companies, both of which did not favor a new bylaw requiring inspections of residential fire alarms. The Committee decided to take no additional action. This will be communicated to Fire Chief Schneider.

Bylaw 13 Agriculture

The following language and its placement within Bylaw 3 was agreed to by the Committee unanimously :

3.7.1

There shall be an Agricultural Commission to address agricultural matters and represent agricultural interests in the Town of Egremont. The Commission shall consist of five members appointed by the SelectBoard. At least three of the members shall be actively engaged in agriculture and the remainder shall be interested in agriculture. The diversity of agriculture in Egremont shall be recognized in choosing the Commission members. The term of each member shall be three years. Vacancies shall be filled by the Selectboard, based upon the recommendations of the Commission.

The following language was agreed to by the Committee unanimously, pending a grammar review by MM regarding the use of “agriculture-based “ or “agricultural-based:”

3.7.2 The Agricultural Commission shall encourage the pursuit of agriculture as a

business and community resource; promote the protection and preservation of farms and farmland; advance agriculture-based economic opportunities; articulate agriculture-based planning needs; advise other Town boards, commissions, and committees on actions taken relevant to agricultural lands; act as an educator and negotiator in agricultural matters before the Town; and foster the visibility and vitality of farming within the Town.

The Committee began to discuss the remainder of Bylaw 13 but deferred any decisions until the next Committee meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Slutzky