

May 25, 2022 Minutes
Egremont Bylaw Review Committee via Zoom

In Attendance:

Mary McGurn (MM), Chairwoman

Richard Allen (RA)

Steve Goodman (SG)

Richard Slutzky (ROS)

Robert Sandor (RS)

Eileen Vining (EV)

Chairwoman MM convened the meeting at 4:21 pm

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee from 4/20/22 were approved, with one correction.

The group discussed how the staggered terms of the Agriculture Committee would be maintained in the case of vacancies, with no conclusion reached.

Chairwoman MM then announced that ROS had tendered his resignation from the Committee. ROS indicated that other commitments had made it difficult for him to continue to devote the necessary time to the work of the Committee. The Committee expressed its gratitude for his service and wished him well. ROS then left the meeting.

ROS had been serving as secretary for the committee in terms of preparing minutes of the Committee's meetings. SG agreed to serve that function for an unspecified period going forward.

SG then suggested that an effort be made to appoint a new member to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of ROS. He pointed out the significant work that would be required after finalization of the revisions proposed by the Committee, including review for internal consistency, compilation of all necessary definitions, discussion with the Select Board prior to release of the text and the conduct of informational meetings with the Town to prepare for a Town Meeting at which the revised Bylaws could be adopted. MM invited members of the committee to submit names of anyone whom they believed might be suitable and have an interest in serving. EV suggested that the vacancy be posted and MM agreed that she would arrange for this with Mary Brazie as this would be the appropriate procedure.

Discussion then re-commenced regarding proposed revisions of Bylaw 13, Agriculture. The committee had previously approved revisions to the provisions relating to the Agriculture Committee (see minutes of 4/20/22) and had agreed that in the final version of the revised By-laws, these provisions would be moved to Article 3, which covers Town committee structures more generally.

Discussion then proceeded to suggested revisions in the additional provisions of Bylaw 13. Discussion was wide-ranging but no conclusions were reached regarding the content of these provisions.

The Committee agreed that the next meeting would take place on Tuesday June 7 at 3:30 pm. Thereafter, upon motion duly made and seconded, the Committee voted to adjourn at 6:05 pm.