

Southington Ordinance Review Committee

Date: March 29, 2012

(note: rescheduled from March 22nd)

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Place: Town Hall, lower level conference room

AGENDA

1. Review of February minutes for absence members
2. Additions, deletions, etc to minutes
3. Approval of minutes
4. Review of Chapters 5 – Buildings and Building Regulations (pg 317 – 323); Chapter 6 - Elections (pg373); Chapter 7 - Fire Prevention and Protections (pg 425 -426) and Chapter 8 - Garbage Trash and Refuge (pg 477 – 493)
5. Discussion of Communication Vehicle and Timing to Council
6. Other
7. Adjourn

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Minutes

Meeting Date: March 29, 2012

Attending: Town Manager, Garry Brumback, Deputy Town Manager/Town Attorney, Mark Sciota, Councilman Chris Palmieri, Councilman Al Natelli, Councilwoman Cheryl Lounsbury, Jim Butler, Building Official

Public: Art Cyr, Councilwoman Dawn Miceli, Senior Citizen Commissioner Doris Hanser and Senior Citizen Commissioner Linda Maschi. A letter was read from Senior Citizen Commissioner Sandy Micalizzi

- Meeting convened at 5 p.m.
- Public Communication:
 1. Linda Maschi, Doris Hanser representing the Senior Commission read a letter into the minutes submitted by Sandy Micalizzi. All stated their concern regarding the proposal of placing hiring and firing responsibilities under the town manager. The chair explained that the work that the current and past Senior Commissions has been outstanding and sincerely appreciated. However, the goals of this change are to bring Southington's government in alignment with a true town manager form of government and to ensure that favoritism and/or politics is prohibited from being a component of the hiring process.
 2. Art Cyr spoke in favor of the proposed Senior Commission changes
 3. Dawn Miceli spoke about the need to put stronger enforcement policies into the Blight Ordinance.
- The Chair requested that the Town Attorney have a fee schedule chart prepared for the April meeting with current fees, suggested fees and final proposed fees included.
- Chapter 5 – Buildings and Building Regulations
 1. Sec 5 – 1 should be changed to read: Permits required per Connecticut State Building Code. Required: Any owner or authorized agent who intends to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish, or change the occupancy of a building structure, the installation of which is regulated by this code, or to cause any such work to be done, shall first make an application to the building official and obtain the required permit.
 2. Sec 5 – 2 should be changed to read: Schedule of fees authorized. The Connecticut State Building Code authorizes the municipality to establish a schedule of fees for each construction document review, building permit, certificate of approval and certificate of occupancy. The schedule of adopted fees is posted in the fee schedule of this document.
 3. Sec 5-3, 5-4 – fees will be posted in the fee schedule section of this document
 4. Sec 5 – 6, paragraph c – Southington Police Department, 351 Main Street, Southington shall be changed to Southington Police Department
 5. Article III Blight will be deleted. New language will be submitted by the Town Manager/Town Attorney for consideration

- Chapter 6 – Elections
 1. Sec 6 – 1 Language shall be changed to: the town is hereby divided into voting districts for the purpose, etc.

- Chapter 7 – Fire Protection and Prevention
 1. Article 1 – increase fine for parking in fire zone to \$50

 2. Sec 7 – 2 paragraph d – change to “Will provide keys to allow Fire Department entry to all rooms of occupancy required to have a rapid access system.. Will notify the fire marshal within 24 hours and provide keys for any lock or cylinders that are changed, or new locked areas within the occupancy.

 3. Increase rapid access system from \$25 to \$50

 4. Article II, Sec 7 – 22 – changed language not to include exact amount of stations for possible expansion in the future. Remove (1) before paid company for possible expansion

 5. The Board of Fire Commissioners will submit an updated proposed fee schedule for the Fire Marshal’s Office

 6. The Fire Dept is working with the Water Dept to study the feasibility and develop an ordinance requiring owners of private hydrants to have the hydrants service and maintained by the Water Dept . Language will be submitted shortly

- Chapter 8 – Garbage Trash and Refuse
 1. Current language will be deleted. Following language will be used: All refuse and recycling collectors in the Town of Southington shall abide by the regulations and policies of the trash and recycling region for which Southington is a member

- Meeting adjourned at 6:40
- Next meeting – April 26th @ 5:00 p.m., lower level conference room. Chapters 9, 10, 11 and 12 will be reviewed

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Lounsbury, Chair

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To the Southington Town Council,

Due to my inability to attend this hearing, I would like my objections to this change to be noted. I am a gerontological nurse specialist and I do believe that along with myself, there are other professionals that volunteer on this commission for the benefit of our seniors. Other members are fine town members who have been committed to our town. This change would render the commission useless. Our town manager has many departments to cover and the senior center, which is not downtown, may not get the supervision that may be deemed necessary. This commission has overseen additions to the building, program development and the dial a ride program. Our senior population is growing each and every day. This commission is a vital link to the members of the senior center program. We are dedicated to our seniors to be sure that the services such as Medicare D education, scams awareness, vaccine clinics, health fair, assistance with tax prep, computer classes are provided.

Yes, changes take time and yes we meet monthly, but we are here to be sure our seniors are served properly and with respect.

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