

Southington Ordinance Review Committee
Minutes

Meeting Date: June July 26, 2012

Attending: Town Manager, Garry Brumback, Councilman Chris Palmieri, Councilwoman Cheryl Lounsbury, Captain Edward Pocock, III, Art Cyr, Linda Beckly

Meeting convened at 5 p.m.

1. Ms Linda Beckley spoke about her concern that the town is responsible for plowing and sanding school access sidewalks.
 - The Committee reviewed Chapter 17, Article 17-1. There was discussion regarding the town's liability if a student had an accident on an unplowed or un-sanded sidewalk walking to or from school.
 - Questions were raised regarding the intent of the 1994 change in the Ordinance. The issue was tabled until the next meeting for further research. Art Cyr agreed to read prior Council and BOE minutes to see the reasoning for the change
 - Sec 17-2 C 3 hours should be replaced by 12 hours
 - There was discussion that the current regulations regarding the construction of sidewalks is overly regulated and therefore, discourages home owners from fixing their sidewalks even with a reimbursement percentage from the town. The Town Manager said that he would review the construction regulations with the engineering department and present his findings at the next meeting.
 - It was noted that all fees in this section should be included in the fee schedule
 - 17 – 22 under the recommendation of the town planner it is recommend that we eliminate the words surety bond (the town has been attempting to eliminate as many surety bonds in our zoning regulations as possible)
 - 17-55 – change – If the location and extent of work is such that a traffic director, in the opinion of the town engineer, is required such director shall be provided by “ the local traffic authority or his designee (replacing police department) at the expense of the permittee
 - 17-56 change - if in the opinion of the town engineer the material is suitable for such purpose to in accordance with DOT standards.
 - 17-116 – change then only with the permission of the town engineer to then only with the permission of the Chief of Police or his designee
 - 17-131 & 17-132- tree warden shall be replaced by Authority of the Highway Department
 - 17-171 (e) The Town Council's decision shall be final (eliminate unless appealed to the Superior Court)

2. Chapter 15
 - Article III Enterprise and Economic Development Commission. Membership of the Commission shall include the Town's Economic Developer who shall serve as chair
 - 15-43 – the Economic Developer shall serve as the Chair of the Commission
 - 15-44 Duties – change commission to Economic Developer shall make an annual budget – the Economic Developer shall interact with other town boards and commissions and submit an annual report in March of each year to the Town Council
 - The remaining chapter was tabled to include input from the Town Planner and Economic Developer

3. Chapter 16
 - Eliminate Sections 16-1, 16-2, 16-3, 16-4, 16-5 and 16-6 since these sections are outdated per Captain Pocock

- Alarm Systems – Captain Pocock distributed an Alarm Ordinance to replace the currently outdated Ordinance in this section. The Committee was requested to review this Ordinance and be prepared to discuss it at the next meeting
4. The Committee discussed and accepted Mrs. Cotton’s request to Recodification of the Southington Code after this committee has completed its work, appropriate public hearings have taken place and the Town Council has voted on the committee’s and public’s recommendations. This has not been done since 1989
 5. It’s been suggested that the committee consider including an Ordinance regarding the naming of public buildings, parks, fields, etc. The Committee agreed to review the BOE policy and discuss it at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Cheryl Lounsbury