

**Bylaw Review Committee**  
**October 18, 2021 - 7:00pm**

***Board Members Present:*** Tim Fagerson, Tom Gay, Ellen Hillery, Glenn Trindade, and Maryjane White

***Board Members Absent:*** None

***Also Present:*** Allison Potter

**Call to Order:** At 7:01PM, Mr. Trindade called the meeting to order.

**Public Comments:** There were none at this time.

**Agenda Item #1: Dog Bylaw**

This agenda item was not discussed at this meeting.

**Agenda Item #2: Other Proposed Amendments**

Edits proposed by each department, town counsel, and town manager: approving them one by one, then voting to approve by each section.

In regard to sections 1.10a, 3.2a, 3.7.1a7, 3.7.2, 3.7.4b, Allison will reconfirm with the Town Counsel, the Medway Fire Department, and/or the Medway Fire Department Chief regarding the details and phrasing.

**VOTE:** Mr. Trindade motioned to approve Article 1 with the suggested changes. Mr. Gay seconded this motion, which carried unanimously - Fagerson: aye, Gay: aye, Hillery: aye, Trindade: aye, White: aye. VOTE: 5-0-0.

**VOTE:** Mr. Trindade motioned to approve Article 2 with the suggested changes. Ms. Hillery seconded this motion, which carried unanimously - Fagerson: aye, Gay: aye, Hillery: aye, Trindade: aye, White: aye. VOTE: 5-0-0.

Mr. Trindade mentioned the need to renumber Article 3 in order to avoid having a numerical gap.

Mr. Fagerson made a note to write out “Medway Fire Dispatch,” instead of MFD in sections 3.7.1b and 3.7.1c.

In regard to section 3.7.1a7, the committee wished to add a time limit and a penalty. This led to a larger discussion, led by Mr. Gay, about the importance of fines being thoughtfully and relevantly priced. In response, the committee decided to revisit the issue of fines and fees at a future meeting.

In regard to section 3.7.5f, the committee wished to leave the redacted language (“and the insurance company notified”) in order to have any potential concerns handled by the relevant insurance company in a timely and efficient manner.

In regard to section 3.7.6a, the committee noted the need to change the phrasing from digitized numbers to just word-based numbers.

**VOTE:** Ms. Hillery motioned to approve Article 3 with the suggested changes. Ms. White seconded it, which carried unanimously - Fagerson: aye, Gay: aye, Hillery: aye, Trindade: aye, White: aye. VOTE: 5-0-0.

In regard to section 4.3a, Ms. Hillery noted that “Department of Public” should be stated as “Department of Public Works.”

**VOTE:** Mr. Gay motioned to approve Article 4 with the suggested changes. Ms. White seconded this motion, which carried unanimously - Fagerson: aye, Gay: aye, Hillery: aye, Trindade: aye, White: aye. VOTE: 5-0-0.

In regard to Article 5, Mr. Trindade made note to end it at section 5.5, since section 5.6 has been deleted.

**VOTE:** Ms. White motioned to approve Article 5 with the suggested changes. Mr. Fagerson seconded this motion, which carried unanimously - Fagerson: aye, Gay: aye, Hillery: aye, Trindade: aye, White: aye. VOTE: 5-0-0.

After a brief discussion about the accessibility or lack thereof regarding the use of Roman numerals in article headings, the committee agreed that this could be potentially confusing for a reader.

**VOTE:** Ms. White motioned to remove Roman numerals and add numbers for the article numbers. Ms. Hillery seconded this motion, which carried unanimously - Fagerson: aye, Gay: aye, Hillery: aye, Trindade: aye, White: aye. VOTE: 5-0-0.

In regard to section 6.3, the committee wished to revisit the issue of the four-year term appointment, as well as the issue of staggering terms.

In regard to Articles 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 15, the committee agreed to do more research then revisit these issues.

In regard to section 12.1a, the committee wished to add language regarding “the streets of Medway,” instead of “highways of Medway.”

In regard to section 12.6a, the committee wished to remove “carriages.”

Mr. Trindade made note that after revisiting Article 13, it may be worth relocating it to the beginning of the document.

In regard to section 14.2 and 14.7, the committee will do further research on the relevant building code(s) and revisit.

**VOTE:** Ms. White motioned to approve Article 16. Ms. Hillery seconded this motion, which carried unanimously - Fagerson: aye, Gay: aye, Hillery: aye, Trindade: aye, White: aye. VOTE: 5-0-0.

### **Agenda Item #3: Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting will be November 2 at 7PM.

**Motion to Adjourn:** At 8:48pm, Mr. Trindade called for a motion to adjourn. Ms. White seconded this motion, which carried unanimously. Fagerson: aye, Gay: aye, Hillery: aye, Trindade: aye, White: aye. VOTE: 5-0-0.