

Town of Lunenburg
Bylaw Review Committee
Recommendations June 9, 2016

1. General recommendation to compare Charter to ByLaws-this will be done via Codification.
2. Through Town Charter Section 7-7 (b), the Bylaw committee was impaneled and did a thorough By-Law review of all Lunenburg Town By-Law Articles.
3. Articles 1,3,4-**No recommended changes at this time.**
4. Articles 2
 - a. Bylaw committee **recommendation** in **Section 2** to a timeline for town committee minutes review and posting. Transmission of approved minutes should follow state law.
 - b. **Article 2, Section 1-recommend to add** “minutes must be approved in 30 days and periodic review of executive session quarterly”.
 - c. **Article 2, Section 6-move to repeal** and reference Town Charter section 3-2 part (c).
 - d. **Article 2 Section 8-move to repeal** and refer to conflict of interest Massachusetts General Law.
 - e. **Article 2 Section 12-move to repeal** collection of fees and licenses and refer to Massachusetts General Law
5. Article 5
 - a. **Recommend amending** all language references to “man” or “men” to gender neutral language.
 - b. **Article 5 Section 2** Director recommends expanding this to include ‘right of way’. **Committee requests Town Counsel review.**
 - c. **Article 5 Section 13. Move to repeal.** The Committee and the Land Use Director see this section is covered under Zoning Bylaw.
6. Article 6
 - a. The Town Manager has recommended to the committee to **repeal Section 3.**
7. Article 7
 - a. Land Use Director opined that the Planning Board may be a more appropriate permitting authority than the B.O.S. No other recommendations for changes.
8. Article 8-Repealed previously and not applicable
9. Article 9:
 - a. Section 8 – Boating Laws – no recommended changes.
 - b. Section 9 and 10. Earth Removal ordinance. The Land Use Director opined that the Planning Board may be a more appropriate permitting authority than the B.O.S.

- c. Section 11 – Committee **recommends reference change** from Superintendent of Highways to D.P.W. Director.
 - d. Section 12 and Section 15-**move to repeal** and refer to Town Charter section 3-2 (d) Appointments.
 - e. Committee **recommends numbering change** “Section 23A” to “Section 24”.
10. Article 10 Section 3 fine amounts are **under review** by the Chief of Police.
 11. Article 11-Repealed previously and not applicable
 12. Article 12
 - a. Sections 1 and Section 2 **recommend repeal** as both sections are covered by the Town Charter sections 2-3 (b), (c) and 5-3.
 - b. Section 3 **recommend repeal** as it conflicts with Town Charter.
 - c. Section 4 **recommend review** by Town Counsel as section is referenced Town Charter Article 3-1 (f).
 13. Article 16-Zoning enforcement **under review** by Land Use Director.
 14. Article 17-18-**No recommended changes at this time.**
 15. Article 19-The Article that was voted in November 2015 Special Town Meeting will be inserted.
 16. Article 20- **No recommended changes at this time.**
 17. Article 21-Wetlands addressed at May 2016 Town Meeting. No further recommended changes.
 18. Article 22-**Committee recommends repeal**
 - a. Section 1 Composition is contained in Town Charter section 3 – 6 (a)
 - b. Section 2 Powers and Duties is contained in Town Charter section 3 – 6 (b).
 19. Articles 23-25- **No recommended changes at this time**
 20. Article 26- **Committee recommends repeal.**
 - a. Sections 1 and 2 conflicts with Town Charter sections 3-14.
 - b. Section 3 conflicts with Town Charter Section 3-1 (a).
 21. Article 27-Committee **recommends change reference** from Town Charter section 6-6 to 6-7.
 22. Article 28-32- **No recommended changes at this time.**
 23. ByLaw Committee understands Codification changes are in process and will be made to Board of Selectmen separately and were not under review by ByLaw committee.