BOURNE BY LAW COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2015 AT 4:30 P.M.
BOURNE TOWN HALL, LOWER CONFERENCE ROOM

Meeting was opened by Chairman David T. Gay at 4:35 p.m.

Those in attendance were:
David T. Gay
Frank M. Kodzis
Elmer Clegg
George Slade

Absent and excused:
Chief Dennis Woodside
Cynthia M. Coffin

The Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and accepted unanimously.

Chairman David Gay reviewed with the members an email he received from Chief Dennis Woodside concerning the proposed bylaw for the Council on Aging. That email dated Wednesday, February 18th at 1:21 p.m. advised that due to a conflict Chief Woodside would not be able to attend the 4:30 meeting. However, he did express the willingness to meet with Selectwoman Linda Zuern and Felicia Monteiro, Director, Council on Aging. In view of that offer, a Motion was made and seconded passed unanimously to authorize Chief Woodside to meet with Selectwoman Linda Zuern and Ms. Felicia Monteiro to discuss the proposed Council on Aging bylaw work on specific language expressing the concerns that the Bylaw Committee had with the previous draft, etc. We would ask the Chief to report his results of his meetings at our next meeting.

There were no general bylaws to review.

Under new business, the Committee considered a proposal submitted from the Finance Committee by Mary Jane Mastrangelo, Chairperson of the Committee. Member George Slade presented the Bylaw modification proposal and a lengthy discussion followed concerning the request to delete language.

It was recommended by Elmer Clegg that we should urge the Moderator to make every effort to appoint someone from each of the Villages whenever possible or practical. The Bylaw Committee feels strongly that such representation is important. However, understanding the practical problems that exist in having a full membership for the Finance Committee, the proposal to amend Section 1.3.1 by striking the following sentence “...the Committee shall have one member from at least five of the Town's seven villages, namely; Sagamore, Bourne, Bourne, Buzzards Bay, Monument Beach, Pocasset and Cataumet, and seven members at large...” was approved. It was noted at the meeting that support for this Motion was received by email from the Town Moderator and the Town Administrator. That Motion to amend the bylaw by striking the sentence passed unanimously.

There was no other new business.

The Members agreed to schedule the next meeting for Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David T. Gay, Esquire
Chairman Town of Bourne Bylaw Committee

Approved 3/18/15