

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
Ordinance Committee
November 23, 2015
Town Hall Council Chambers

Present: Kenneth DiFazio, Chairman
Michael Smart, Vice Chairman
Jane Hackett, Councilor
Arthur Mathews, Councilor

Absent: Patrick O'Connor, Councilor

Also Present: Carolyn Murray, Interim Town Solicitor
Officer Michael Parker, Animal Control Officer

Recording Secretary: Diane T. Hachey

Chairman Kenneth DiFazio called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

15 090-Proposed Amendment to Animal Control Ordinance

Chairman DiFazio updated that this measure was referred to the Ordinance Committee on June 15, 2015 and the committee met to discuss in September. Officer Parker was invited to the table to highlight the proposed revisions. In October he made revisions to the original submission to the committee. Chairman DiFazio stated the he would like to make a recommendation to the Council this evening. Officer Parker noted that the Town Solicitor has reviewed the proposed ordinance changes in light of the state law to ensure accuracy. The major revisions are the livestock section, which will remain as an ordinance and the cats/ferrets section. The major problem becomes one of enforcement as related to health regulations.

Chairman DiFazio notes that we are deleting the health regulations in favor of making into ordinances.

Councilor Smart motioned for favorable action on measure number 15 090-Proposed Amendment to Animal Control Ordinance, as amended per the memorandum dated October 15th) motion seconded by Councilor Mathews.

Councilor Hackett extended her appreciation to Officer Parker for his efforts in cleaning up the ordinance. Voted unanimously 4-0.

15 006-Ordinance Amendment-Chapter 7

Chairman DiFazio updated all that Councilors Lacey and Haugh submitted this proposal but the review process ceased due to a change in the town's legal counsel. He spoke with the proponents who are ready to pursue and will submit a new draft for the Ordinance Committee to use as reference at their next meeting.

Furthermore, Chairman DiFazio asked Ms. Murray to speak with the proponents and be prepared to address this measure at the next Ordinance Committee Meeting.

Ms. Murray appreciates being involved in the review and does have some questions for the proponents.

It was requested that Diane Hachey send out the most recent draft of proposed changes for the committee to use in their deliberations.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:37 PM, there being no further business, a motion was made by Councilor Smart to adjourn and was seconded by Councilor Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Respectfully submitted by Diane T. Hachey as Recording Secretary

Approved by Kenneth DiFazio as Ordinance Committee Chair
Voted unanimously on 19 January 2016