

**TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
Town Hall Council Chambers
September 21, 2009**

Present: Kevin Whitaker, Chairperson
Arthur Mathews, Vice Chairperson
Ed Harrington
Brian McDonald
Michael Smart

Also Present: Robert Conlon, Councilor
Kenneth J. DiFazio

Recording Secretary: Janet Murray

Chairperson Whitaker called the Ordinance Committee meeting to order at 7:20pm.

Communications and Reports from the Mayor, Town Officers, Town Boards

09 101-Ethics Reform Bill-Adoption of M.G.L C.268A, S. 29, Designation of Liaison to the MA Ethics Commission

Chairman Whitaker stated that this measure would designate Solicitor George Lane as the liaison to the MA Ethics Commission.

Solicitor Lane gave a brief presentation on this matter. He stated that this ethics reform law goes into effect on 12/28/09. He noted that there is a training requirement which includes mandatory downloads, training every two years, as well as reporting that these requirements are being met. This training needs to be completed by January 2010.

A MOTION was made by Councilor Mathews to forward item number 09 101 to the full Town Council with FAVORABLE ACTION and was seconded by Councilor Smart and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

09 038-Proposed Ordinance “Neighborhood Property Preservation”

Councilor Harrington stated that he and Councilor Molisse have been working on this ordinance with the Mayor’s office. He stated that they are working on definitions in order to use more specific terms, reviewing the process of remedies and enforcements as well as checking with other town departments regarding potential impacts.

09 091-Proposed Ordinance “Peer Review Process”

Councilor Mathews stated that he referred this matter to the committee in February of this year. On June 1 he handed out a second draft but has not received any comments to date.

This proposed ordinance was forwarded to administration via a memo dated 6/16/09.

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Solicitor Lane noted that he had commented on the 1st draft of this process but had not received a copy of the 6/16/09 memo. He stated that he would like to meet with Councilor Mathews to discuss with him some concerns.

Councilor Mathews stated that the memo refers back to the 6/1/09 Ordinance Committee meeting.

At 7:35 pm, there being no further business, A MOTION was made by Councilor Mathews to ADJOURN and was seconded by Councilor Smart and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Approved by: _____
Kevin Whitaker, Chairperson