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Public Works, Planning, and Development Committee of the RTM
Committee Report with Recommendation and yearend report – October 5, 2020
Waterford Code of Ordinances, Chapters 2.20 and 2.58 and Chapter 15.26

Please let this report serve as a report on Blighted Property Ordinance Chapter 15.26 of the Waterford Code of Ordinances and the yearend report from the Public Works, Planning, and Development Committee of the RTM.

BACKGROUND

At the June 1, 2020 meeting of the Representative Town Meeting, the Planning Director, Public Works Director, and Town Attorney submitted an amendment to sections 2.20 and 2.58 of the Waterford Code of Ordinances for review. The amendment proposed the facilities manager position be moved from the Planning Department to the Department of Public Works. The committee was also tasked with reviewing the current Blighted property ordinance Chapter 15.26 of the Waterford Code of Ordinances.

SUMMARY

This committee met August 17, 2020, September 16, 2020 and September 30, 2020. Public hearings were also held on September 16th and 30th, 2020. These meetings included input from town attorney Nick Kepple, Town attorney Rob Avena, and Director of planning Abbey Piersal. Committee members also obtained input from residents and prior officials.

RECOMMENDATION

There were two recommendations from the committee to report. The first was an unanimous recommendation to the RTM that the proposed amendment to the Waterford Code of Ordinances 2.20 and 2.58 included with this report be accepted and enacted so the ordinances reflect this change. The second was an unanimous recommendation to the RTM the deletion of Chapter 15.26 – Blighted Premises of the Waterford Code of Ordinances because the committee confirmed redundancy under Zoning Enforcement and Property Maintenance rules.

Attachments

Minutes and supporting documents available online.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Rocchetti
Chairman

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