

BY-LAW REVIEW COMMITTEE

The By-Law Review Committee was established under Article 25 of the General By-Laws. The principal function of the By-Law Review Committee is to review proposals for General By-Law changes. It is not charged with the task of proposing substantive changes on its own. If requested by the Selectmen or another Town Board or officer, the Committee will assist in drafting amendments or additions to the General By-Laws that are proposed for inclusion in the Warrant for any Town Meeting. The Committee is also charged with the duty of reporting to the Town Meeting any recommendations it considers appropriate on any article in a Town Meeting Warrant that proposes an amendment or addition to the General By-Laws.

In 2006 prior to the Annual Town Meeting, the Committee reviewed a proposed new Wetlands Protection By-Law sponsored by the Conservation Commission. The Committee made both corrective and substantive suggestions for changes to the proposed bylaw. In the end the Conservation Commission decided not to seek approval of it by Town Meeting and the warrant article which, if approved, would have inserted it in the By-Laws was dismissed. The Committee had no other official business in 2006.

Committee member Rebecca Webb, whose term of office expired June 30, 2006, decided not to seek reappointment. The Town Moderator Henry Hall, who is charged with making appointments to the Committee, appointed Raymond Miyares to serve in her stead. Thank you, Rebecca, and welcome Ray.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles M. Hamann, Chairman