

LEGISLATIVE SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 8, 2021

Present: Anthony Suffriti - Chair
Rosemary Sandlin – Vice Chair
George Bitzas
Mario Tedeschi

Absent: Gina Letellier

Also Present: Councilors Cavallo, Mercadante and Smith, Solicitor Buoniconti

Called to Order: Meeting was called to order by Chairman Suffriti at 6:20pm.in the AJHS Auditorium (meeting started late due to Zoom technical difficulties)

AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes dated December 7, 2020

Motion to approve the minutes was moved by Councilor Sandlin and seconded by Councilor Tedeschi.

The vote was 4 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Councilor Letellier) approving the minutes.

2. TOR-2020-9 (PH-2021-1) - An Ordinance to amend Chapter 180 of the Code of the Town of Agawam regarding Fences (Mayor Sapelli)

It was noted that the Planning Board recommendation incorporated a couple minor changes to the ordinance. Councilor Bitzas agreed with their recommendation and supported the ordinance. Councilor Rossi stated he had drafted the original legislation and would like to see the words 'natural barrier' included in the wording. Councilor Tedeschi agreed and wanted to make sure 'natural barrier' included shrubs and trees, etc. Councilor Mercadante asked if the ordinance would be retroactive or only moving forward. Councilor Smith wanted it to mean materials that are meant to be used specific to fencing materials and have the wording be for that specific material only. Councilor Bitzas said this ordinance is needed to protect the visual of the neighborhood and needs to be fair to the whole community. Councilor Mercadante noted we need to be careful with the wording of what material can be used. He also asked if a fence involved a permitting process. Councilor Cavallo agreed with the Planning Board recommendation. Amended wording was proposed by Councilor Rossi and seconded by Councilor Bitzas. Councilor Rossi proposed adding the words 'natural barrier' after no fence, wall, or (natural barrier)

Motion to send a positive recommendation to the Full Council was moved by Councilor Bitzas and seconded by Councilor Tedeschi. The vote 4 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Councilor Letellier)

3. TOR-2021-1 - An Ordinance to amend Chapter 103 of the Code of the Town of Agawam for electric vehicle charging station fees (Mayor Sapelli)

It was recommended that this item be tabled due to the Zoom technical difficulties.

Motion to table was moved by Councilor Bitzas and seconded by Councilor Tedeschi. The vote 4 Yes, 0 No 1 Absent (Councilor Letellier)

4. Any other business that may legally come before the Committee.

None.

5. Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn was moved and seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Councilor Anthony Suffriti, Chair
Legislative Committee