

Vice Chair Comments

MO Ad Hoc Committee, Feb 4th, 6:00 pm.

Attending: Committee members Friedenaaur, Turner, Case, Vogt, Denker. **Absent:** Thomas.

Public: Paul Nelson, Dana Hallett, Brenda Josephsen. + Brad Ryan for part of the meeting.

First topic was whether to use Magistrate or Municipal process for offenses. Concern expressed over impact of a municipal approach on office employees who will be on the front line when people come in to pay. More training would be needed, possibly more staff. The group is leaning toward recommending using the Magistrate for all offenses except Title 18 (land use). Police officers would enforce all except Title 18. The Harbormaster would also be able to enforce Title 16 (ports and harbors) after sufficient training. (What training should this be?) More info is being gathered from State to be clear about their processes also. Some question about whether a police record would be established for individuals cited for MO, or even warnings.

Second topic was a review by Deb Vogt, of the MO ordinance wording in various sections. Some changes are being recommended and will be part of recommendations to Attorney for another draft of the document. Questions raised during this review on Title 5 are being addressed and will be discussed at the next meeting. (specifically about whether permit requirements are made a part of law by assembly or clerk during permit process.)

Third topic was to go over Title 6 (animals) and the recommendations by HARK. Along with Title 10 (Traffic) was revisited after a changed recommendation by Sgt. Dryden to keep it in borough code. Previously we had decided to recommend just using State code. No resolution of this was possible as Sgt. Dryden was not present to explain rationale for change.

Setting a town hall meeting date was postponed until after we have more answers and a revised draft of the MO ord. to do a final review.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, Feb. 10th at 6:30pm in Assembly Chambers.

Ron Jackson.

Disclaimer: These are just summary notes from the meeting by the Chair/Vice Chair. The official record of the meeting is contained in the action minutes and audio recordings available at the Borough office.