

Cotuit Fire District
Bylaw Committee

15 April 2021

6:00 p.m.

Draft

Present: Penny Levert, Rick Pisano, Amy Kates, Mark Robinson, Fran Parks

The meeting was opened at 6:00 PM. The committee reviewed the suggested updates to the District bylaws

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Section 1: Section 7: Any candidate for District Office must be a **resident** of the Cotuit Fire District.

Change resident to registered voter

Passed Unanimously

Section 3: The Fire Commissioners, through their appointed officers, shall maintain a conscientious and disciplined fire department, which, through a continuous training program, shall provide the District with an adequate roster of qualified rescue/firefighter personnel. They shall also be responsible for the appointed officers, fire police, firefighters, and rescue personnel as may be necessary and consistent with the size of the department and its activities; such appointments **are be** made after consultation with the Fire Chief

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Article VIII section 3 last sentence add to in between “appointments are _ be made in consultation with the fire chief.

Passed Unanimously

Section 7: **Should the Fire Chief not be available** to respond to a fire, rescue, or other call, the senior officer present shall assume authority until properly relieved

Article VIII Section 7. Should the Fire Chief, **or the deputy chief** not be available to respond to a fire be added?

Levert, Robinson, Pisano, Parks Yea Kates Nay

Section 2: The Water Commissioners shall prepare an annual budget, recommend salary rates and hourly rates of pay, certify all bills and warrants against the District contracted by them, prepare articles for approval by District voters, prepare an annual report in writing on the Water Department's actions, expenditures, financial status, and condition of the physical plant. The Water Commissioners shall have the care, custody, management, and control of all the property, real and personal, relating to the Water Department; shall have authority to determine and establish from time to time a schedule of water rates; and make rules and regulations for the introduction and use of water. **The Water Commissioners or their assistants may enter upon the premises of any water taker to examine apparatus to ascertain the use to which the water is applied or to find or stop any waste.** They shall in all suitable ways exercise a careful supervision to protect the interest of the water works and the public, and shall have all the other powers, duties, and responsibilities which are given to Water Commissioners by general laws, by-laws, and those prescribed in Chapter 244 of the Acts of 1935, Sections 5A to 5H inclusive.

Article IX section 2. **Sentence 11 change or their assistants to or the water superintendent and water department employees.**

Passed Unanimously

Section 1: All elected boards and committees shall **be required** to hold at least one regular monthly meeting. A majority of the elected board shall constitute a quorum at each meeting. The Clerk shall post all regularly scheduled meetings in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws.

Article XI section 1 first sentence All elected boards and committees shall be , **change required to expected**

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Public Comment: Ms. Zaiss wanted to know what committee should she submit suggestion of committee term limits and rotating chairmanships of the district committees. Ms. Gardner had a question about obtaining a copy of original bylaws.

Frances S. Parks
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