

AMENDMENTS

These by-laws may be amended or added to by a majority vote at any Regular Annual Town Meeting or any Special Town Meeting provided notice of such amendments or additions has been published or posted by the Selectmen at least thirty days prior to date of said meeting.

Amendments:

Finance Committee - Amended to change officials from Appointed to elected on October 19, 1970: Approved by the Attorney General

Town Meeting Date - Section 2 - Amended from First Monday of March to First Monday in April on March 4, 1974: approved by the Attorney General May 28, 1974.

Council on Aging – established by Town Meeting Vote, April 7, 1975, approved by Attorney General October 2, 1975

Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners - established on December 5, 1988, approved by the Attorney General March 31, 1989 by adding thereto under the heading of Town Offices and Committees a new sub-heading – Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners.

In the year one thousand nine hundred and ninety, an act establishing a water and sewer commission in the Town of Williamsburg was signed by Governor Michael Dukakis on August 2, 1990.

Public Conduct – section 5 : AMENDED OCTOBER 19, 1970:APPROVED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,NOVEMBER 13, 1970. SECTION 5 ADDED:

Town Meeting Date – Section 2 - Amended from first Monday in April to first Monday in May on April 7, 1986 -

Town Collector – Office and guidelines (items 1-5) established at Town Meeting May 1, 1989: approved by the Attorney General June 13, 1989

Water and Sewer commission - IN THE YEAR ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND NINETY, AN ACT ESTABLISHING A WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION IN THE TOWN OF WILLIAMSBURG WAS SIGNED BY GOVERNOR MICHAEL DUKAKIS ON AUGUST 2. (8/2/90)

Chapter 140, section 147a - Allocation of dog licensing money – September 24, 1991, Attorney General Approval December 2, 1991

Dog By-laws: Penalties – Amended May 1, 1995, approved by the Attorney General July 3, 1995

Capital Planning Committee – Established Cmte by Town Meeting vote on May 6, 1996, Approved by the Attorney General August 22, 1996

Penalties: (AMENDED MAY 1, 1995: APPROVED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MAY 3, 1995 SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING RESTRICTION)

Restrictions:

“STATE HIGHWAYS AND ANY OTHER WAY, MAINTAINED BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, AS PROVIDED IN G.L. C. 81, AND ELSEWHERE IN THE GENERAL LAWS, ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THIS ARTICLE”.

Replaced with above wording 5/1/95: Old Wording: Any citizen may and the Selectmen and Constables shall prosecute every violation of the by-laws and each violation of the by-laws, shall upon conviction of the parties violating them, be punished by a fine of not less than two nor more than twenty dollars. (AMENDED OCTOBER 19, 1970 APPROVED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL NOVEMBER 13, 1970.

Board of Library Trustees - #2 Membership; Terms: Elections amended on May 6, 1996, approved by the attorney General August 22, 1996.

Board of Library Trustee Section Amendments - section 10 was changed from a 2/3rds vote to a majority on May 6, 1996; approved by the Attorney General August 22, 1996.

Board of Library Trustees – May 5, 1997 Moved and supported to amend that by-law establishing the Board of Library Trustees, being Article 6 as passed at the Special Town Meeting held March 21, 1996, and approved, ratified and confirmed by acceptance of Article 22 at Annual Town Meeting with amendments thereto as set forth in Article 23 (both Articles 22 and 23 being accepted at the Annual Town Meeting held on May 6, 1996) by adding thereto the proviso that notwithstanding anything to the contrary as set forth in said Article 6, as amended, final implementation of the merger of the libraries and the transfer of assets are conditioned upon Legislative approval, court approval, and review and approval by the Public Charities Bureau of the Attorney General's office

Dog By-Laws Section V - Fees and Fines, E – section E deleted, pickup fee added – 5/5/97, Attorney General approved 8/4/97

Dog By-laws: Section V – Fees and Fines – increase in kennel fee from \$5 to \$15/day. Amended STM on 6/28/99 approved by Attorney General on 10/12/1999.

Amendments continued:

Dog By-laws: Section V - Fees and Fines – Increase from \$1.00 a month to flat fee of \$25.00 for May 1 – May 31st, June 1st on \$50.00. - Amended at Special Town Meeting, June 28, 1999, approved by Attorney General on October 12, 1999

Dog By-laws: Section VI: Violations section A - Increase from \$1.00 a month to flat fee of \$25.00 for May 1 – May 31st, June 1st on \$50.00. - Amended at Special Town Meeting, June 28, 1999, approved by Attorney General on October 12, 1999

Rapid Entry Key System – voted at Special Town Meeting March 19, 2001, approved by Attorney General 4/20/2001.

Board of Health: Non-Criminal Disposition: - voted at Special Town Meeting June 28, 1999, approved by Attorney General August 21, 2001

Petitions - Section 2.a. voted at Annual Town Meeting May 7, 2001, approved by Attorney General August 15, 2001.

Dog By-Laws: section V.A – removed sentences 3 & 4 and added new, voted at Annual Town Meeting May 6, 2002 (typo on Warrant – article 18)., approved by AG's Office 6/28/2002

Dog by-laws: section VI. A – removed section A, renumbered violations, voted 5/6/02, approved by AG's Office 6/28/02.

Dog by-laws: section V.A – Annual Town Meeting, 5/6/02, approved AG's Office 6/28/02

Dog By-Laws: section VI. A.B.... (re-lettering) – Annual Town Meeting 5/6/02, approved AG's Office 6/28/02

Board of Library Trustees: section 1: addition mandated hours and section 8: line items – Special town meeting 01/04/2004

Capital Planning: Under section Town Officers and Committees: May 1, 2004 Article 15, approved by AG on 7/1/04 - changed the wording, no town employee and changed accountant ex-officio member to treasurer.

Dog By-laws: section V,D and VI G – Non Criminal Disposition – voted on May 2, 2005.

Highways and Sidewalks: November 14, 2005 (approved by AG 12/30/05)

- ❖ Section 1: Add “From the full-width of the sidewalk or be subject to a \$50.00 fine per storm”
- ❖ Section 2 Add “Full Width of said sidewalk” and “or be subject to a \$50.00 fine per storm”
- ❖ Section 6 Added entire section – Non Criminal Disposition Enforcement
 6. Whoever violates any provision of the Highways and Sidewalks section of the By-Laws, the violation of which is subject to a specific penalty, may be penalized by the non-criminal method of disposition as provided in M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 21D. The Highway Superintendent, and the Board of Selectmen of the Town are designated as the enforcing persons for non-criminal disposition enforcement of the Highways and Sidewalks By-Law.

Town Meetings/Elections: November 14, 2005 (approved by AG 12/30/05)

- ❖ Section 2: Changed the Annual town meeting from the first Monday in May TO the first Monday in June
- ❖ Section 5: The Election shall continue to be the first Monday in May with polls open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. with officials taking office effective July 1 of the election year.

Agricultural Commission: June 5, 2006 (approved by AG 8/7/06)

- ❖ Added entire Agricultural Commission

Mandatory Recycling Bylaw: June 5, 2006 (approved by AG 8/7/06)

- ❖ Added entire recycling bylaw

Williamsburg Right-To-Farm Bylaw: June 2, 2008 (approved by AG 8/25/08)

- ❖ Added entire Right-To-Farm bylaw

Highways and Sidewalks: June 2, 2008 (approved by AG 8/25/08)

- ❖ Section 6 amended as follows:
 7. Whoever violates any provision of the Highways and Sidewalks section of the By-laws, the violation of which is Subject to a specific penalty, may be penalized by the non-criminal method of disposition as provided in M.G.L. Chapter 40, section 21D. Any Town Police Officer and the Board of Selectmen of the Town are designated as the enforcing persons for non-criminal disposition enforcement of the Highways and Sidewalks Bylaw.