

Mr. Round expressed concern about the length of the meeting. He agreed that getting a quorum on a June Saturday will be difficult. He expressed his preference for postponing and moving ahead by splitting up the articles, perhaps having a special meeting to deal with the “house-keeping” articles and a second meeting later in the fall dealing with the more substantive issues.

Other Select Board members expressed their agreement with Mr. Round. Ms. Bilotta felt that we should move ahead sooner rather than later with the house-keeping articles. Mr. Sollosy would agree to splitting up the articles and would like to see proceeding with the less controversial articles prior to June 21 when school ends. Ms. Harrison stated she agreed with the idea of splitting up the articles.

Karen Bennett, 28 Lincoln Street, expressed support for postponing. She noted that while the PB has been working for years on the new zoning, she feels she and many others are just now waking up to the possible changes and is not feeling well enough informed. Postponing would allow the public more time to get up to speed on the proposals.

Eli Boling, 99 Pleasant Street asked about the status of applications to the ZBA and/or PB during the pendency of the proposed changes now that the formal hearings by the PB have been held. It is his understanding that applications cannot be acted upon until final action on the proposed changes. Both Mr. Federspiel and Mr. Wilson responded that applications can still proceed under the existing bylaws but that the applicant has some risk should they get approved and the new amendments get approved later and thus would apply retroactively to the applicant. However, since almost all the proposed changes offer more flexibility and in some cases are more lenient than the current bylaws, the risk to applicants seems low.

Discussion turned to possible new special town meeting dates. Mr. Mastrogiamomo said that an October time frame might make sense at least for the more substantive articles as this would allow public outreach to take place in September leading up to an October meeting. Mr. Federspiel stated that the Select Board could stick with the June 11 meeting if they felt a quorum was possible and that the more substantive articles could be remanded to the PB. This would mean the PB hearing process would need to start over for those amendments that were referred back to them. This would also eliminate concerns some have regarding applicants being stuck between the current and proposed bylaws.

Other Select Board members began to express various timing options for a new date for a special town meeting. Ms. Bucco reminded Board members that the single topic on the agenda was whether to postpone the June 11 Special Town Meeting. It did not include setting a new date for one.

Ms. Jaques agreed and asked if the Board was ready for a motion and vote on the question of postponing the June 11 meeting.

Ms. Harrison moved and Mr. Round seconded a motion to direct staff not to post the previously approved warrant for a Special Town Meeting on June 11, thus effectively postponing the meeting. The motion passed 4-1 with Ms Jaques voting against the motion.

Ms. Bilotta moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Round. The motion was approved 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:36AM.