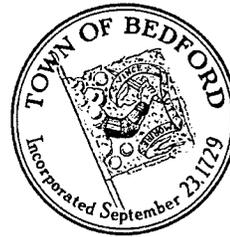


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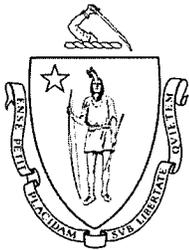
May 1, 2015

TO: All Departments  
FROM: Town Clerk Doreen Tremblay   
RE: APPROVED BYLAWS - ATM 2015

The Attorney General has approved all bylaws submitted for the 2015 Annual Town Meeting.

Bylaws posted at the following locations on May1, 2015:

Bedford Housing Authority  
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DPW  
Library  
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April 30, 2015

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**RE: Bedford Annual Town Meeting of March 23, 2015 - Case # 7496  
Warrant Article # 7 (General)**

Dear Ms. Tremblay:

**Article 7** - We approve Article 7 from the March 23, 2105 Bedford Annual Town Meeting.

Article 7 amends the Town’s general by-laws, Article 30, “Volunteer Coordinating Committee” (VCC). One change amends Section 30.4, “Responsibilities” to change the time period that an appointing authority must wait before appointing someone whose name does not appear on the VCC’s list. Specifically, the new text provides in relevant part as follows (deletions in strikeout and new text in bold):

**No** The appointing authority may **not** choose an appointee whose name does not appear on such list unless ~~the three~~ names have not been provided within **60** ~~30~~ days.

The by-law does not specify when the 60 day time period begins. It appears from the Town’s Charter, that the time period begins to run when the appointing authority requests a list of names. The Town may wish to consult with Town Counsel regarding a future amendment to Section 30.4 to match the text in the Town Charter.

**Note:** Pursuant to G.L. c. 40, § 32, neither general nor zoning by-laws take effect unless the Town has first satisfied the posting/publishing requirements of that statute. Once this statutory duty is fulfilled, (1) general by-laws and amendments take effect on the date these posting and publishing requirements are satisfied unless a later effective date is prescribed in the by-law, and (2) zoning by-laws and amendments are deemed to have taken effect from the date they were approved by the Town Meeting, unless a later effective date is prescribed in the by-law.

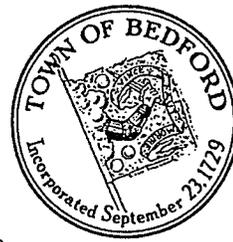
Very truly yours,

MAURA HEALEY  
ATTORNEY GENERAL

*Nicole B. Caprioli*

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cc: Town Counsel Robert S. Mangiaratti



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### Article 7

#### General Bylaw Amendment – Volunteer Coordinating Committee

Voted, that the Town amend General Bylaws of the Town of Bedford under Article 30 – Volunteer Coordinating Committee as follows:

#### 30.2 Membership

*Current Text with Proposed Changes:*

The Volunteer Coordinating Committee shall consist of ~~three~~ **five** members appointed by the Selectmen for three year terms.

*Revised New Text:*

The Volunteer Coordinating Committee shall consist of five members appointed by the Selectmen for three year terms.

#### 30.3 Purpose

*Current Text with Proposed Changes:*

The Volunteer Coordinating Committee shall recruit and identify qualified candidates for all appointive offices in the Town, except for **the following**:

- appointees who work full or part time for remuneration, ~~and except for appointments to~~
- the Volunteer Coordinating Committee ; ,
- **incumbents under consideration for reappointment,**
- **appointees of elected and appointed boards and committees other than those of the Selectmen.**

*Revised New Text:*

The Volunteer Coordinating Committee shall recruit and identify qualified candidates for appointive offices in the Town, except for the following:

- appointees who work full or part time for remuneration,
- the Volunteer Coordinating Committee,
- incumbents under consideration for reappointment,
- appointees of elected and appointed boards and committees other than those of the Selectmen.

#### 30.4 Responsibilities

*Current Text with Proposed Changes:*

The Volunteer Coordinating Committee shall present, for each appointment made by each appointing authority, a list to the appointing authority of names from which to choose, ~~including the incumbent if he or she wishes to be reappointed.~~ ~~No~~ The appointing authority may **not** choose an appointee whose name does not appear on such list unless ~~the three~~ names have not been provided within ~~60~~ 30 days. The Volunteer Coordinating Committee, however, shall provide additional names if so requested.

*Revised New Text:*

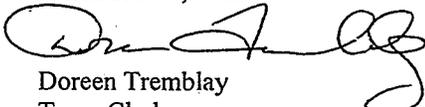
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**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Selectmen: Recommended approval  
Finance Committee: Recommended approval

Moderator declared motion adopted.

A true record, attest:

  
Doreen Tremblay  
Town Clerk  
Date: April 3, 2015