

**TOWN OF BERLIN
ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
February 27, 2020
“Doc” McIntosh Room
6:00 P.M.**

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present: Mayor Mark Kaczynski - Chairman, Councilor Joann Angelico-Stetson, Councilor Brenden Luddy, Councilor Charles Paonessa, Councilor Peter Rosso

Staff Present: Arosha Jayawickrema – Town Manager

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kaczynski called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS

None.

4. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES February 11, 2020

Councilor Paonessa moved to approve the February 11, 2020 minutes.

Seconded by Councilor Angelico-Stetson.

Those voting in favor: Councilor Angelico-Stetson, Mayor Kaczynski, Councilor Paonessa

Vote being 3-0. (MOTION CARRIED) (Councilors Luddy and Rosso abstained, as they were not at the meeting.)

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. Chapter II, Part J. Review of Public Golf Course Ordinance

Mayor Kaczynski stated that the Ordinance Committee will consider and vote on a modification to the Public Golf Course Ordinance. The Golf Commission proposed new language (eliminating the requirement for Timberlin’s revenue to meet its expenses) which was reviewed and revised by Town Manager Jayawickrema and Corporation Counsel. The Golf Commission has reviewed the recommended language.

The proposed modification to the Ordinance will be valid for a one-year period, during which time the Golf Commission will also propose ideas to improve Timberlin’s appeal and

performance. Mayor Kaczynski noted that the goal of all parties is to be keep Timberlin running well while being fiscally sound.

Councilor Paonessa moved to accept the proposed modification language from the Town Manager and Corporation Counsel.

Seconded by Councilor Luddy.

Those voting in favor: Councilor Angelico-Stetson, Mayor Kaczynski, Councilor Luddy, Councilor Paonessa, Councilor Rosso

Vote being 5-0. (MOTION CARRIED)

Mayor Kaczynski noted that the Ordinance Committee continues to work on the leash law and Bicentennial Park challenges. Committee members and Town staff have been researching alternate scenarios for parking and an off-leash area, and will continue discussions with the Conservation Commission. Another Ordinance Committee meeting will likely be scheduled later in March 2020.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Luddy moved to adjourn at 6:06 p.m.

Seconded by Councilor Rosso.

Those voting in favor: Councilor Angelico-Stetson, Mayor Kaczynski, Councilor Luddy, Councilor Paonessa, Councilor Rosso

Vote being 5-0. (MOTION CARRIED)

Submitted by,

Dana Borges

Proposed language from the Town Manager and Corporation Counsel:

The Golf Commission shall make annual revenue projections based upon its recommended rates and present such recommendations to the Town Manager. The recommended rates shall be based upon the Commission's analysis of market (including rates of nearby competitors) and play considerations and shall be set to maximize revenues for the golf course. The Town Manager shall consider the recommendations of the Commission and present proposed rates to the Town Council for its review and action at a Town Council meeting in January.