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The March 31, 2022, Regular Meeting of the Ordinance Committee, a sub-committee of the Woodbridge Board of Selectmen was convened at 6:33 p.m. by Deputy First Selectman Sheila McCreven.
Present: Deputy First Selectman Sheila McCreven, Joseph Crisco, and David Vogel
Present for Staff: Town Counsel Gerald Weiner, and Mrs. Shaw, Clerk.

MINUTES

The Committee **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** (Vogel – Crisco) to accept the minutes of March 16, 2021.

RECEIVE REVIEW MOTION FROM THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN/REQUEST FROM THE COMMISSION ON THE USE OF PUBLICLY OWNED PROPERTIES (“CUPOP”)

The Committee acknowledged receipt of the motion approved at the March 9, 2022 Board of Selectmen Meeting requesting that the Ordinance Committee convene and review the request from the Commission on the use of Publicly Owned Properties to consider a “No Littering” ordinance and the Board of Selectmen’s request to undertake a review of all Town Ordinances.

No Littering memo from CUPOP – the memo states that the state statute is too vague and does not address Woodbridge’s specific need; sited other municipalities that have adopted no littering ordinances, some coupled with blight ordinances; and expressed concern that the town receives only 50% of any fine imposed under the state statute and that 100% may be realized under a town specific statute.

Mr. Weiner explained that towns may adopt an ordinance in addition to the state statute however, his concern is how the police department would sort out enforcement.

Mr. Vogel questioned the value of an additional ordinance on top of the state law and proposed either signage, reminders in Town newsletters, information given out on Earth Day and/or a no littering campaign involving school children.

The Committee agreed to invite Police Chief Frank Cappiello to the next meeting to give his assessment of the need for another layer of enforcement and to receive public comment.

ARTIFICIAL TURF – PFAS

Ms. McCreven noted that the minutes of March 16, 2021, contained two samples of an ordinance prohibiting the use of artificial turf and synthetic infill in Woodbridge and a second one including the use of organic infills. The minutes reflect that the Committee VOTED unanimously to refer both to the Board of Selectmen for review. It is apparent that this directive was not followed.

Mr. Weiner said that the State Legislature is considering a statute banning or limiting the use of artificial turf and/or PFAS and recommended that the Committee wait until that process is completed.

REVIEW OF TOWN ORDINANCES

The Committee agreed to go back to the Board of Selectmen for clarification of its request.

- 1 – Review all ordinances or only Municipal Agencies
- 2 – Ascertain the cost to staff – required number of meetings per year

3 – Would a consultant be required as several ordinances also have a Charter component
Next Meeting: Invite Police Chief Frank Cappiello to attend. Poll Committee for the week of April 4, 2022 or April 11, 2022

ADJOURNMENT

On a non-debatable motion by Mr. Crisco, seconded by Mr. Vogel the meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Geraldine S. Shaw, Clerk