

6/28/2022 By-Law Workshop Live Notes

These notes are NOT the official minutes, but will be shared with the Commission members and the public following this meeting as a reference to the discussions, questions, and suggestions of the public. Official meeting minutes can be found [here](#) and the recorded meeting can be found [here](#).

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7:00 pm – 7:30 pm – Commission Discussion

- Introductions of members
- Discussion of the history and purpose of the bylaw amendment
- Discussion of why members want to pursue bylaw amendments:
 - Dan: resource areas that need additional protection, vernal pool protection, ACEC protection
 - Mary: provide additional protection to resource areas not adequately protected by WPA, established setbacks to wetlands to reduce impacts, streamline permitting process
 - Pete: provide better guidance to applicants, better define terms and expectations of projects
 - Brian: more science-based regulation, limit/eliminate gray areas in requirements, streamline process for applicants
 - Ben: providing better guidance to applicants, limit/eliminate vagueness of current State regulations, protect habitats, ecosystems, and resources
- Questions from new members:
 - Dianne: what does the bylaw add to the current regulations, what determines Commission jurisdiction over uncertified vernal pool areas
 - TJ: what towns have bylaws that work well/can be used as an example
- New bylaw draft introductions and formatting plans

7:30 pm – 8:30 pm – Public Comment

- No members of the public were present – no public comments received

8:30 pm – 9:00 pm – Commission Responses to Public Comment

- No members of the public were present – no responses offered