

Ordinances & Administration Committee

Monday, December 16, 2013 – 5:30 p.m.

1st Fl. Council Committee Rm. – City Hall**-Workshop Minutes-****Present: Councilor Sefatia Theken, Chair; Councilor Robert Whynott, Vice-Chair; Councilor Steven LeBlanc****Absent: None.****Also Present: Councilor McGeary****The workshop commenced at 5:30 p.m.**

- 1. Discussion re: the Establishment of Ad Hoc Committee to study GCO Chapter 4 “Animals,” Art. II “Dogs,” Sections 4-15 to 4-22 and Sec. 1.15 Fines for non-criminal enforcement; and,**
- 2. To review applications of interested Gloucester residents to be appointed members of an Ad Hoc Committee to study Dog Ordinances in order to make recommendations for the composition of the Ad Hoc Committee to the City Council President**

Councilors Theken, Whynott and LeBlanc first discussed the number of members for the proposed Ad Hoc Committee to be appointed by the new City Council President for the purpose of reviewing the City’s dog ordinances contained in the Code of Ordinances and to make recommendations to the O&A Committee for their consideration. The Committee determined after a brief discussion by unanimous consent that the ideal number of members of the public would be seven. It was noted by the Committee that Councilor Steven LeBlanc is their appointed Council liaison and that Police Chief Leonard Campanello, or his designee, is to serve as the Public Safety liaison.

The Committee then reviewed 21 submitted applications from City residents. The Committee looked for a balance between licensed dog owners and non-dog owners, as well as representatives from the City’s various neighborhoods both rural and urban. **Councilor McGeary** also contributed in the Committee’s discussions on potential ad hoc committee applicants.

The O&A Committee, by unanimous consent then decided that it would request through the new Council President the appointment of the following seven individuals: Marie Demick, Cynthia Dunn, Glen Bresnahan, Michael Haran, John Knowlton, Jennifer Greek and Ronda Tucker.

Additionally, the Committee considered applicants for the positions of alternates to the Ad Hoc Committee and by unanimous consent will propose the following two individuals: Phil Dench as first alternate and Leonard Gyllenhaal as second alternate.

Councilor LeBlanc noted that with the assistance of the Clerk of Committees he is gathering mostly North Shore communities but also several South Shore communities’ dog ordinances for the Ad Hoc Committee’s review along with Gloucester’s ordinance. The Committee agreed by unanimous consent that the Ad Hoc Committee would be notified of their appointment by the new Council President after January 1st with an eye to begin their review work shortly thereafter.

A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to adjourn the workshop at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Dana C. Jorgensson,
Clerk of Committees**

DOCUMENTS/ITEMS SUBMITTED AT MEETING: None.

NOTE: 21 applications for the Ad Hoc Committee are on file.