



TOWN OF WESTFORD
Bylaw Review Committee
Town Hall – Conference Room A
Tuesday, March 7, 2019
6:30 pm

- Agenda:
- Call to Order
- Approval of Minutes
- Discussion of proposed bylaw on the March 23, 2019 Annual Town Meeting warrant.

ARTICLE 21: Add Delinquent Box Alarm Fees to Tax Bills

Town Manager

Motion: *(Majority Vote Required)*

That the Town vote to establish a municipal charges lien pursuant to [General Laws Chapter 40, Section 58](#) for unpaid fire alarm box fees assessed by the Town pursuant to [Chapter 94 of the Town of Westford General Bylaws](#).

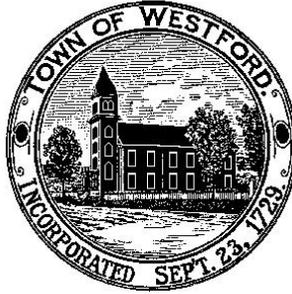
- Discussion of proposed amendments to bylaws

ARTICLE 19: Amend Section 58 of the Town Bylaws to Establish New Requirements and Limitations for the Possession and Consumption of Alcohol on any Public Property

Citizens' Petition

Motion: *(Majority Vote Required)*

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Bylaws of the Town of Westford by adopting the following changes to Section 58 as shown below, with additions appearing as underlined text and deletions indicated by the placement of a line through the affected word(s) or act in relation thereto:



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§ 58.1 Definitions.

The following definitions shall apply in the interpretation and enforcement of this bylaw:

Alcoholic beverages shall mean any beverage defined as an alcoholic beverage in section 1 of chapter 138 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Common shall mean the triangular parcel of land owned by the Town in Westford center, which is bounded by Main Street, Lincoln Street and Boston Road.

Private property shall mean any real property within the Town of Westford which is not owned by the Town.

Public property shall mean and include the Common, municipal parking lots, municipal parks, municipal playgrounds and the area of any real property, building, or office owned by or leased to the Town or occupied or used by any board, department, committee, commission, or office of the Town.

Public way shall mean the entire width between the lines of every way publicly maintained when any part thereof is open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel and shall include the entire width of any sidewalk within the lines of such way. In the case of ways established by prescription or concerning which no official layouts exist, the edges of the surface of the traveled way shall be deemed to be the lines of such public ways.

Single use permit shall mean a permit issued by the Board of Selectmen allowing the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages on a named public property for a single day.

§ 58.3 Possession on private and public property.

No person shall bring any alcoholic beverage onto any private property ~~or onto any public property~~, or possess or consume any alcoholic beverage in or upon any ~~public property or private property~~ without the permission of the owner or person lawfully in charge or control of such private ~~or public~~ property. No person shall bring any alcoholic beverage onto any public property, or possess or consume any alcoholic beverage in or upon any public property without having received a single use permit granted by the Board of Selectmen. The number of such permits shall be limited to one permit per week for each public space. No more than one such permit shall be granted to the same person or organization within a one month period.



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ARTICLE 20: Amend Chapter 1 of the Town Bylaws: Penalties for Violating Bylaws and Regulations

Citizens' Petition

Motion: *(Majority Vote Required)*

To see if the Town will approve the following amendments to our Town Bylaws:

Chapter 1: Penalties for Violating Bylaws and Regulations

[Adopted 2-17-47 ATM Art. 35.

Replaced 5-11-87 Adj. ATM Art. 17. Amended 5-11-02 ATM Art. 30 Replaced 3-28-2011 Adj. ATM.

Amendments noted where applicable.]

Sec. 1.1 Violations

Any bylaw of the Town of Westford, or rule or regulation of its boards, commissions, and committees, shall be enforced, when observed or reported, in the method provided in Section 21D of Chapter 40 of the General Laws.

Sec 1.2 Enforcement

- A. "Enforcing person" shall mean the Board of Selectmen or any Police Officer of the Town of Westford, with respect to any offense;
- B. The Town Manager and the Board of Selectmen shall instruct Town Counsel to take such legal action as may be necessary to restrain a violation of this by-law, and enforce regulations and the bylaws hereunder, and the Town Counsel shall forthwith comply with such instructions.



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Sec. 1.3. Penalties

- A. When enforced through this noncriminal disposition procedure, the penalty for violation of any Town bylaw, rule, or regulation, unless otherwise specified therein, shall be as follows: First offense: \$100 Second offense: \$200 Third offense: \$300 Fourth and subsequent offenses: \$300
- B. Each day upon which a violation exists shall be deemed to be a separate offense

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