



Town of Townsend Code Review Committee Meeting

March 10th, 2025, @ 1:00pm

VIA Conference Call & Town Hall

141 Main St, Townsend, DE 19734

1:00 pm Code Review Committee Meeting

- I. Call to Order: Approximately 1:09 pm.
- II. Opening Ceremonies
 - A. Roll Call: Mayor S. Lobdell, CM M. Chapman, J. Goodyear, and Chief R. Longo.
 - B. Pledge of Allegiance: None.
 - C. Recognition of Visitors: None.
 - D. Announcements: None.
- III. Citizens Comments & Participation: None.
- IV. Adoption of Agenda.
 - A. *All agreed to adopt the agenda.*
- V. Approval/ Rejection of minutes:
 - A. **ACTION ITEM:** Approval/rejection of Code Review minutes from the February 24th, 2025, meeting.
 1. *All agreed to approve the code review minutes from the February 24th, 2025, meeting.*
- VI. Discussion and review of Draft Ordinance 2024-007 “An Ordinance to amend the Town Code regarding Abandoned vehicles” for clerical and requested edits.
 - A. TM Goodyear asks Mayor Lobdell and CM Chapman if they would like to keep the verbiage listed in the Town Code.
 1. Mayor Lobdell states this may be a legal issue.
 - I. TM Goodyear states she has reached out to the TS and has not yet received a response.
 2. CM Chapman argues that the Town is not an HOA, and that constituents should be able to have their property the way they like.
 3. Chief Longo mentions there is a State Code that we can refer to if we decide to take this verbiage out of the Town Code.
 - I. All agree to refer to the State code but take out the 7 days verbiage.
 - a. TM Goodyear states “Municipal Police” should also be taken out of the verbiage.



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- b. TM Goodyear also states there is no penalty within the State Code, so the Town may need to consider a penalty.
- c. CM Chapman adds that personal property should not be enforceable as it is a constitutional right.

VII. Discussion and Review of municipal code for discrepancies and required edits.

A. TM Goodyear clarifies verbiage to be changed.

- 1. 16.8.10 abandoned vehicles will be left as is.
- 2. 16.8.20 permitting abandoned vehicles on private property is being stated unlawful according to the Delaware State Code.
- 3. 16.8.30 presumption of abandonment will be changed from the mayor's consideration to what the Delaware State Code states.
- 4. 16.8.40 failure to remove is being changed to refer to the Delaware State Code.
- 5. 16.8.50 penalties will be changed to \$50.00 per day with 3 days' notice and towed in 7 days.

VIII. Discussion regarding new business.

A. None.

IX. Discussion regarding next meeting date.

A. *All agreed to schedule the next meeting for April 7th at 2pm.*

X. Adjourn.

A. *All agreed to adjourn the meeting.*

- 1. Adjourned approximately 2:07 pm.