

**TOWN OF CHELMSFORD  
PLANNING BOARD**

**MEETING MINUTES  
January 30, 2019**

**Members Present:** Michael Raisbeck, Henry Parlee, Donald Van Dyne, Henry Houle, Tim Shanahan, Glenn Kohl, Nancy Araway, Mike Walsh  
**Members Absent:** None  
**Others Present:** Evan Belansky, Community Dev. Dir., Christina Papadopoulos, Town Engineer

The Chair opened the meeting and stated that the meeting is being videotaped, recorded and broadcast by Chelmsford Telemedia.

The Chair gave a Route 40 Study Committee update and stated that the committee is complete and is in the process of drafting the language. The Committee voted to keep the south side of Route 40 zoned RC – 2 family and to rezone the north side IA – Industrial, with an overlay to promote senior housing. The Board also discussed the public hearings scheduled for the next meeting on February 13, 2019. It includes a possible re-vamp of the historic preservation by law and the Route 129 Drive thru language.

**Special Town Meeting 2/4/2019 – Article 2** - Citizen’s petitions to amend section 195-6.E, for purposes of regulating small animals accessory to dwelling units.

The Chair opened the public hearing and asked the Board members if they had any comments before he went to public input. Mr. Parlee stated that he is willing to listen to anyone but his feelings are that this is an enforcement issue. Ed Buckley, Buckman Drive, had questions about article 1. He stated that he wanted to see better setbacks from water. Steve Agostino, Pine Hill Ave., stated that he is aware of the rat issue and feels harassed by the people who wrote article 2. Bob Myers, Pine Hill Ave., sponsor of article 2, stated that whenever you have small animals and feed next to water, you are going to have a rat problem. Adam Brando, Precinct 6, feels that the Board of Health should be the regulating body for small animals. Ed Buckley, wants the Board of Health and Planning Board to work together to regulate small animals. Laura McLeod, 56 Winter Street, thought the 150’ from a wetland was excessive. She went on to site different sources showing that you do not need to be 150’ away to protect a wetland. Laurie Myers, Pine Hill Ave., asked who inspects chicken coops. It was stated that a building permit requires a building inspector to inspector. Bob Myers, gave a few statistics regarding chicken waste. Parlee made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Shanahan, unanimous. The Board discussed this issue and generally agreed that these chicken issues are better left with the Board of Health and Conservation. Araway made a motion to not recommend article 2 to Town Meeting, seconded by Parlee, 4-0-2, Walsh and Van Dyne abstain.

Parlee made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Shanahan, unanimous.

**Next Meeting**

**- February 6, 2019**