Village of Brockport
Code Review Committee meeting minutes
October 22, 2018

Members Present: Chair Kent Blair, Bob Duff, Mark Kristensen, Lyle Stirk, Code Enforcement Officer Chad Fabry, Village Board Trustees Annie Crane (Liaison) and Kathy Kristansen.

Absent: John O’Kane

Additionally present was Erica Linden.

Kent called the meeting to order at 5:35 asking for review and approval of the minutes from September. Corrections were offered; a motion was made by Bob & seconded by Mark that the September minutes be accepted as corrected. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes from August will be reviewed for approval at the next meeting.

Kent shared copies of suggestions he has for changes to the draft of Ch 51 (cats). The suggested changes were reviewed and endorsed by the committee. A motion was made by Lyle to accept changes to Ch 51 sections 18 to 42 and seconded by Mark. The motion passed unanimously. Kent will forward the revised version to the Village Attorney for review.

Erica presented proposals for the CRC to consider for a change to the Village Code to allow keeping chickens within the Village. This has been a desired change by some residents in the past. She provided copies of the Town of Brighton code Ch 207 for consideration.

Annie mentioned that the undesirable aspects of keeping chickens; neighbors disturbed by noise, predator animals being attracted by the presence of chickens, concerns about salmonella, need to be covered in a proposed code. Keeping roosters should be excluded.

Chad recommends
- using sections "B" and "C" of Brighton's code
- limiting structures to 80 square feet and less than 10 feet in height
- such structures are to be protect chickens from the weather and predators
- structures are to be kept on residential properties

Annie reviewed other municipal codes for consideration regarding: how to keep chickens on the owner's property, designs of chicken coops, definition of terms for a proposed code.

Kent reiterated that he will send a proposed draft to the Village attorney, asking if keeping chickens should be limited to owner occupied single family dwellings. A discussion that followed recommended letting a landlord enforce any no-pets rule that may be in a rental agreement.

At 6:45 pm Lyle made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Bob passed unanimously.

The next CRC meeting will be held on December 10 at 5:30.