

**From the Executive Director**  
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**AHNA is updating our By-Laws**

AHNA's By-Laws were last updated in 2009 and the Board of Directors identified several areas in need of improvement. AHNA established a By-Laws Review Committee that reviewed proposed changes to the Asylum Hill Neighborhood Association ("AHNA") Bylaws and created a breakdown, by article, of the most significant changes. We provide a summary of the recommended changes here.

The priorities of the proposed changes and updates were twofold:

- 1) to clarify and clean up any inconsistent or unclear provisions, and
- 2) to assure that AHNA, going forward, continues to serve as the NRZ for the Asylum Hill community, as set out in the Connecticut statutes. The second focus meant clarifying the role of membership, of voting rights, of participation in all ways in the activities of AHNA. We hope that these changes adhere to the spirit of the NRZ laws, and invigorate the broad membership and community to continue to participate in the important work of AHNA.

There are seven main areas where changes need to be made in Articles 2 through 7, and the details are available either on our website, or if you would like a printed copy, by calling 860-944-6614.

The expected steps for adoption are:

1. By-Law presentation at the Annual Meeting (Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:15pm)
2. Collect feedback from membership until November 13<sup>th</sup> at 5pm via survey on website
3. AHNA Board of Directors adopt new By-Laws, November 17, 2020
4. Members adopt or reject By-Laws at December General Meeting, December 7, 2020
5. Once adopted, the By-Laws go into effect immediately.

Visit our website ([www.asylumhill.org](http://www.asylumhill.org)) for links to our current 2009 By-Laws, the 2020 recommended changes, a summary of the changes, a matrix comparing different versions of AHNA's By-Laws, and a survey monkey survey link where you can provide feedback about the changes. Please use the survey to provide us feedback about the proposed By-Law revisions.

I hope this summary has clarified the changes we are recommending to the AHNA By-Laws. We invite all our partners, stakeholders and residents to attend the Annual Meeting on Monday November 2<sup>nd</sup> and don't forget to vote the next day, November 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Presidential election.