



Office of Planning & Codes

Wiscasset Ordinance Review Committee Meeting Notes June 25, 2007

Members Present: Pat Barnes, Doc Schilke, Larry Lomison, Karl Olson, Jeffrey Hinderliter (Town Planner).

1. Meeting Opens at 5:45 PM.
2. May 14, 2007 Meeting Notes Approved.
3. Items Discussed: Coastal Waters Ordinance Draft 9
4. The ORC discussed the following concerning Draft 9 of the Coastal Waters Ordinance:
 - Discussed the difference between vessel and boat
 - 5.3 (2): delete the boat or vessel identification number
 - 5.3 (5): delete
 - 5.3 (8): delete commercial marine
 - 5.4: this is ok
 - 5.5: check to see if mooring assignment is legal
 - 5.6: ORC discuss comments received from concerned citizen regarding littoral owners and their rights when space fronting the owner's property is unsuitable. ORC do not believe that someone can determine adequate suitability because the mooring really has nothing to do with the land.
 - 5.17 (1): add cast reinforced cured concrete blocks and adjust mooring tackle standards
 - 5.17 (5): discuss who should be responsible for determining what mooring tackle is appropriate. If we leave it up to the mooring owner it may lead to a dangerous situation. Maybe some like a marine engineer should be responsible for designing the appropriate mooring. Look at Chapman's catalog for info. ORC suggests language: All mooring tackle shall be designed by a licensed marine engineer or the applicant shall prove to the harbor master that the mooring tackle is appropriate to the weight and size of the boat or vessel.
 - 5.17: ORC discuss deleting most of 5.17 except the new language and 5.17 (9)
 - 5.19: discussed town's rights to determine residency. Need to adjust this standard to say: waterfront is not designated for permanent residency on boats or vessels.
 - 7.1: delete part of the first sentence and adjust
 - 7.7: add Commercial Fishing use
 - 13: add disturbing the peace

- 16: discuss how the harbormaster will enforce the ordinance. 16.1 appears to allow the harbormaster to enforce the ordinance whether a violator has a mooring or not.
- 16.3: include lawful order

Meeting Adjourned 6:50 PM