



Office of Planning & Codes

Wiscasset Ordinance Review Committee Meeting Notes September 8, 2008

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

1. Meeting Opens at 5:32 PM.
2. Agenda items discussed: Height/Definitions Amendments, Road Signs/House and Business Numbering,
3. August 25, 2008 minutes approved.
4. Height/Definitions Ordinance Amendments. There are 4 versions of the proposed amendments and Jeffrey explains each. Because of the current height requirement, CMP could not construct new towers because they would exceed this height. The use is permissible as an Essential Service. Jackie passes out her own suggestion for proposed language. Larry also has some suggestions. ORC discuss height- should we specifically mention a height number or have the limit based on the existing tower height in the corridor? We should do something with the habitable and non-habitable definitions. Delete transmission tower definition, use Jackie's proposed language, include Larry's language with Jackie's, and adjust essential service definition.
Recommendation: ORC approves recommended changes, schedule a public hearing.

5. Home/Business Numbers, Road Signs. Jeffrey prepared a proposed street naming and addressing ordinance and he explains the ordinance. Comments include the following:

- What will sign look like?
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- What is the number system? Should standardize the number interval
- How high should the address signs be?
- Everyone should have the same sign. Check with fire, police and ambulance as to what sign will be appropriate.
- Signs should be uniform- a specific size for the numbers.
- Who should pay for signs and letters? Should the town or the individual? If the town pays we can be sure the signs will be a uniform size.
- ORC has some recommended changes to ordinance language including clarification of street, road and driveway.
- Questions include what should the sign and number size be, who pays, who puts them up, and who maintains them.

- Jeffrey polls the ORC on what they believe. Doc thinks the government should pay. Pat believes visibility from both ways is important. Karl believes it should be a municipal function and signs/letters should be standardized. Jill says that it is hard to say whether the town or property owner should pay for the numbers and the signs and numbers should be standardized. Jackie thinks the town should pay for the street sign and address numbers should be the property owner's responsibility. Larry says sign should be of uniform size and created by the town and include a minor charge.
- Address should be able to be located by GPS
- **Recommendation:** Continue to work on this ordinance.

6. Historic Preservation Ordinance. Jeffrey explains Draft 3 of the proposed Historic Preservation Ordinance. Jeffrey says he intends to present this ordinance for public discussion in order to hear the public thoughts. The ORC offers comments primarily include adjustments to ordinance language.

Recommendations: Make recommended corrections and develop Draft 4.

7. Other Business.

8. Adjourn: 7:00 pm.