



Office of Planning & Codes

Wiscasset Ordinance Review Committee Meeting Notes January 26, 2009

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

1. Meeting Opens at 5:39PM.
2. Agenda items discussed: Town Wide Performance Standards Draft 3
3. Town Wide Performance Standards Draft 3: ORC resumes its review of the performance standards. The following was discussed:
 - Jeffrey states that Jackie reviewed the recommended changes discussed at the January 12 meeting with him.
 - Lighting: opening paragraph should be separated into individual sub-sections.
 - Do some of the parking requirements include too much parking (e.g. primary schools- kids don't drive)?
 - Parking: delete "and average"
 - Signs: the statement of purpose should be altered
 - Screening: should there be a minimum width? ORC discuss this and feels that because the screening will most likely be within the site, the buffer requirements associated with width should resolve the screening width.
 - Signs: what is an official traffic sign?
 - Signs: Jeffrey states the sign ordinance is the exact same as we have
 - Signs: relocate the maintenance standard to 6. Miscellaneous
 - Signs: fees will also be included in a future section that is similar to the current Building Laws
 - Signs: ORC discussed sign lighting and nonconforming standards
 - Soils: the portion of this standard that states "Maine certified soil scientist, geologist, site evaluator...on-site investigation" should be replaced with "by a properly qualified Maine licensed professional"
 - Street Access & Traffic Impacts: did the minimum site distance change?
 - Street Access & Traffic Impacts: B. Access to Lots is confusing. The language should be revised to clearly explain what it is trying to administer
 - Street Access & Traffic Impacts: C. It appears there are too many turnouts. Possibly alter it to have turnouts 200 feet apart
 - Stormwater Management: 5.d. delete "falling of snow" and replace with "winter snow season"
 - Water Supplies: include a specific distance from the property for when owners are required to hook-up to town water

- Noise: Jeffrey indicated he left the dBA noise levels blank because he wanted to get the ORC's opinion on what they felt appropriate noise levels would be. ORC felt we should include the noise levels that we previously developed in the old noise ordinance.
- **Recommendations:** Complete revisions to Draft 3.

4. Other Business.

5. Adjourn: 6:52 pm.