



# Office of Planning & Codes

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## WISCASSET ORDINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE.

Minutes, October 26, 2015

Present: Al Cohen, Gordon Kontrath, Larry Lomison, Jackie Lowell, Karl Olson, Jason Putnam and Town Planner Jamel Torres

### 1. Call to Order

Chairman Karl Olson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

### 2. Approve September 14, 2015 minutes

Larry Lomison moved to approve the minutes as presented. Vote 4-0-1.

### 3. Future Land Use Plan – Schedule of Dimensional Requirements

Jamel Torres reported that although the schedule had been previously discussed, he could find no motion by the committee approving it. The reason for some of the height restrictions on the matrix was questioned. Jamel Torres will check past minutes to determine how the decision on the heights was reached. Fire Department capability was mentioned as one possible criterion.

### 4. Sign Ordinance Discussion

An addition, requested by the selectmen, pertaining to signs on the common or town-owned land had been made in the ordinance. Jamel Torres said the sign ordinance may need further change resulting from the recent Supreme Court decision. Information on the decision was distributed. Torres will check with an attorney regarding required changes to the Sign Ordinance.

### 5. Statewide Standards Option – Timber Harvesting and Related Activities in Selected Areas – update

The state has requested a change in wording regarding approval by the code enforcement officer for timber harvesting in the Resource Protection District. Jackie Lowell moved to approve the change. Vote 6-0-0.

### 6. Tour of Town Discussion

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The tour will be scheduled in April or May.

#### 7. Blasting Ordinance Discussion

A selectman has asked that the ORC develop a blasting ordinance following recent blasting on Route 1 without notice to abutters. Edgecomb's Blasting Ordinance was distributed as an example for the committee's consideration. Torres will change as necessary. A question will be added to the site plan review application to indicate whether blasting will be done for the project being applied for.

#### 8. Other Business

Jamel reported that the Historic Preservation Commission will have its first meeting on November 5 and will meet the first Thursday of each month.

#### 9. Adjournment

Al Cohen moved to adjourn at 5:50 p.m. Vote 6-0-0.