



Office of Planning & Codes

Wiscasset Ordinance Review Committee Meeting Notes October 12, 2010

Members Present: Karl Olson, Pat Barnes, Jackie Lowell, Larry Lomison, Jeffrey Hinderliter (Town Planner), Bill Phinney (registered voter).

1. Meeting Opens at 5:34PM. *Note: quorum not available until this time

2. Agenda items discussed: Village Waterfront Ordinance (September 27, 2010), Temporary Business Ordinance (10/2/2010), Seasonal or Temporary Business Ordinance (9/27/2010), Sign Ordinance (10/12/2010 Draft 1).

3. September 13, 2010 meeting notes approved

4. Village Waterfront Ordinance. Jeffrey introduces the revisions to the waterfront ordinance. He states that he brought the final ORC draft to the selectmen in September and they decided to make two changes- removing the parking standard in its entirety and removal of the castle tucker property from the VW district. So, the draft he's presenting makes only those adjustments that were requested by the selectmen. Jeffrey states that because this is the same draft, except for the selectmen changes, the ORC has already approved he thinks we should only consider those changes and not get involved with further review of it. The ORC questions and discusses removal of the parking standard and why the selectmen choose to delete it when they asked the ORC to address it in the ordinance.

Recommendations: ORC recommends the Village Waterfront Ordinance (September 27, 2010) with the selectmen changes, 3 in favor, 1 abstain (abstention because the selectmen decided to delete the parking standard).

5. Temporary Business Ordinance and Seasonal or Temporary Business Ordinance. Jeffrey indicates that there are two separate ordinances (mentioned above) that conflict. Jeffrey is recommending that we delete the Seasonal or Temporary Business Ordinance and the applicable definition in the Glossary and work on changes to the Temporary Business (formerly Sales) Ordinance. The ORC agrees to remove the Seasonal or Temporary Business and associated definition in the Glossary and to concentrate on the Temporary Business Ordinance. The following was discussed in regards to the Temporary Business Ordinance.

- How many days should a license be valid for? ORC agrees to 90 consecutive days per year.
- 1.4.2.a & b: delete first few words of each definition
- 1.4.2.a: add 'for a period of not more than 90 consecutive days'
- 1.4.3.a: delete 'prior to' and replace with 'before'
- 1.4.3.b: go with 90 days and delete 'calendar'
- 1.4.3.c: ORC discuss fees and feel that a \$25 dollar fee is acceptable
- 1.4.4: adjust by adding the following- 'in writing' and 'within 30 days of denial. Cross out 'Code Enforcement Officer' and keep 'Town Manager'

- 1.4.5.a: replace 'will' with 'shall'
- 1.4.5.c: replace 'will' with 'shall'. Add 'repair any related damages' and 'or event'
- 1.4.5.e: ORC discuss whether vendors should conform to a minimum lot size requirement and decide to leave it as is (no minimum lot size)
- 1.4.6.b: ORC discuss this at length. The standard does not make sense because it appears it excludes the same things the ordinance is trying to apply regulations to. There is discussion about what to exclude, in particular the uses on the Maine Street Pier. After much discussion, the standard is amended to say 'Temporary business activity associated with the Maine Street Pier'
- 1.4.7: Jackie has some suggestions on language changes. She will adjust language and provide it to Jeffrey.

Recommendation: Make recommended changes and return to ORC for final draft review

6. Sign Ordinance. Jeffrey discusses the sign ordinance and says that it is an entirely new ordinance with the exception of the Business Directional Sign language. He said this was not changed because the town has a special agreement with the state when it comes to these signs in the downtown village. Jeffrey briefly goes over each section of the proposed ordinance. Jeffrey says that he would like to continue discussion at next meeting.

Recommendation: Discussed proposed sign ordinance at next ORC meeting

7. Adjourn: 7:15 PM