

Wiscasset Ordinance Review Committee
April 22, 2024
Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Laura, Karl, Don
Also in attendance: Emily Rabbe

Public Attendees: Michael Olszewski and Leslie Roberts

Meeting began at 5:31PM

The ORC did not have a quorum so a workshop was held.

The Committee did not review the March 11, 2024 meeting minutes as they did not have a quorum.

Emily read the Select Board minutes from the April 2, 2024 meeting where the Select Board provided additional guidance to the ORC on their questions regarding a contemplated firearm discharge ordinance.

The ORC discussed what a possible ordinance may include and suggested no hunting in Pottle Cove as bounded by the Railroad Tracks, between Castle Tucker and Wiscasset Yacht Club. The ORC also asked whether they should also include between the Yacht Club and Creamery Pier to the Bridge. Karl suggested from high water mark to railroad tressel pilings.

The ORC also liked the idea of creating a map, similar to Gardiner's, which would color the lots within the restricted area and say extending to the riverside of the railroad track (east side of the railroad track so they can't stand next to the railroad tracks).

Emily will also look at the 500 ft. from school requirement from IFW – is the area north of the bridge covered by this setback distance?

Send letter to affected property owners to see if they are okay with this – prior to going to public hearing? Do they have any objection to no-firearms discharge on their property? If we were to do a letter, send it to them after we draft a letter/map, as a courtesy to the affected property owners. Also share copy with Larry as Police Chief and Bruce Engert (Codes Enforcement) to get their thoughts on enforceability.

Put posters or notices up that say "illegal to hunt beyond this point"? These posters would be in addition to the Ordinance?

LCRPC to draft a firearm discharge ordinance and map for the May 13, 2024 ORC meeting.

Likely on the warrant for the Fall – confirm with Dennis to see what is the deadline is to get on the November ballot (end of August or first week in September?)

Workshop ended at 6:05PM.