

**TOWN OF ORONO
COUNCIL WORKSHOP
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN - LDR REVIEW**

COUNCIL CHAMBER - MUNICIPAL BUILDING

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2016
6:00-8:00 PM**

MINUTES

1. Roll Call

Present: Council Chair Cindy Mehnert, Judy Sullivan, Mark Haggerty, Tom Spitz, Tom Perry, Geoff Gordon, Sam Kunz, Town Manager Sophie Wilson, Planner Evan Richert and Economic Development Director Dave Milan.

2. Review of Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan Low Density Residential District

The Council reviewed the Special Exception standards from the Town of Camden's zoning ordinance which closely resemble the standards for Conditional Uses as proposed by the Comp Plan Committee to be reinstated into Orono's Land Use Ordinance.

Mr. Richert stated that reinstating Conditional Uses as part of the Land Use Ordinance allows different uses to co-exist in the same zone. He noted that that the designation of "Conditional Use" allows the use to exist with conditions.

Mr. Haggerty asked how Conditional Use would be used for mineral extractions. Mr. Richert stated that the use would be allowed with enhanced standards to be met.

Mr. Richert stated that Conditional Use does not impact contract zoning or conditional zoning. The Council asked clarifying questions.

The Council agreed to move the amendments to the Comprehensive Plan Low Density Residential District to the next Council Agenda (February 8, 2016) to schedule a public hearing date of March 14, 2016.

3. Town Manager's Update

The Town Manager updated Council on the following topics:

- RSU#26 School Board vacancy process to be discussed on January 25, 2016 at the Council Committee Meeting
- MRC Informational meeting to be held on January 26, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Ms. Sullivan also asked about a presentation by PERC.
- Municipal Pine Street Parking Lot Meeting on January 27, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

- Ms. Wilson and staff will be meeting with University of Maine President Hunter on February 2, 2016.
- Public Works facility reached substantial completion and the crew is occupying the building. An Open House will be held in late spring.
- Staff is working on a CSO Feasibility Study regarding underground tanks to capture flow.
- Auditors will present the audit at the Council Committee Meeting, February 29, 2016.
- The Orono Village Association (OVA) will be requesting that Council consider eliminating the Village Tax and creating a merchants group.

4. Adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Minutes are not verbatim. A tape-recorded version is available in the Town Office.

Respectfully submitted,

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