

**Town of Orono
Council Committee Meeting**

**Monday, May 23, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.
Council Chambers – Municipal Building**

Minutes

1. Roll Call

Present: Geoff Gordon (Community Development Chair), Cindy Mehnert (Council Chair), Tom Perry, Sam Kunz, Clint Relyea, Town Manager Sophie Wilson and Town Planner Evan Richert.

Community Development

2. Proposed Ordinance Amendments – House Guest Definition

Mr. Richert stated that the Planning Board conducted its public hearing (March 16, 2016) on the proposed amendment to define and regulate “house guests” in dwelling units. The Planning Board did not receive any public comment but discussed questions of enforceability and the types of documentation that may be appropriate for the Code Enforcement Officer to request of a property owner to determine whether a property is in compliance with the limits on “unrelated persons” living in a dwelling unit. Mr. Richert stated that the Planning Board appreciated the need to provide the Code Enforcement Officer with greater ability to pursue information when he has reason to believe that the property may be in noncompliance, but was concerned that the information to be requested needs to be within the ability of the property owner to obtain. The Planning Board continued its public hearing (on April 27, 2016) to give staff time to prepare additional language (Sec. 18-81(h)) with the advice of the Town Attorney and the Code Enforcement Officer. The Committee had a discussion about the definition of house guests and documentation.

The Committee agreed to forward the proposed Ordinance Amendment regarding the definition of House Guest on to the next Council agenda for public hearing.

3. Proposed Ordinance Amendments – Self-Storage Facilities in the Commercial Districts

Mr. Richert stated that the Ordinance is silent about self-storage facilities; however, in the past it was grouped under warehouse facilities. Mr. Richert noted that there was a business inquiry about self-storage facilities in the C-1 district. He explained that self-storage facilities and warehouses are very different and stated that there is a need for both uses to be defined in the Ordinance.

Mr. Richert suggested including this amendment in the current timeline established for reviewing ordinances.

The Committee agreed to review an Ordinance Amendment on Self-Storage Facilities in the Commercial Districts at a future Council Committee Meeting.

4. Adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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