

**TOWN OF ORONO
COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING
COMP PLAN IMPLEMENTATION**

**MONDAY, MAY 6, 2019 AT 6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBER – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

MINUTES

1. Roll Call

Present: Councilors Tom Perry, Sam Kunz, Cheryl Robertson, Laurie Osher, Meghan Gardner, Terry Greenier, Town Manager Sophie Wilson and Town Planner Kyle Drexler. Absent: Cindy Mehnert.

2. Discussion: Evaluating Comp Plan Goals related to Unruly Gatherings and Events requiring Larger Scale Police Presence and Response

Council discussed with staff the proposed draft language for Unruly Gatherings and Events requiring Larger Scale Police Presence and Response.

The Committee agreed to have staff further tweak the draft ordinance language and particularly the fine, have the language reviewed by Maine Municipal Association and bring it back to Committee for further review.

3. Review and discussion of a proposed update to the existing Code of Ordinances, Chapter 14 - Fire Prevention and Protection.

The Committee reviewed with staff the proposed draft language relating to the adoption of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1 - Fire Code, NFPA 101 - Life Safety Code, and the authority of the Fire Department to administer those codes.

The proposed draft language will be brought back to Committee with additional information regarding the water supply in the non-hydranted areas.

4. Continued Discussion of Short Term Rentals

Planner Kyle Drexler brought forward draft language that showed what a potential short-term rental registration would look like. He noted that while registering these short-term rentals seems to be a simple process, that actually it would take a considerable amount of change and alteration to the current Land Use Ordinance with many definitions and standards needing to be adjusted to accommodate the change. Currently short-term rentals are recognized as a type of travelers' accommodations and are identified as an actual land use. Switching to a rental registration method would require a complete change to the way the Town views its travelers' accommodations.

Instead of pursuing this route, Mr. Drexler recommended that it bring back additional draft language for the next Committee discussion that expanded the current travelers'

accommodations language to include new types of short-term rentals that are not currently allowed. The Committee could then look at the two methods side by side and compare to see which one would be better to pursue going forward.

5. Minor Amendment to the Vernal Pools Overlay District

Mr. Drexler explained that the Town received partial delegated permitting authority for vernal pools by the Board of Environmental Protection with a few small conditions. These conditions come as changes to the ordinance language involving Sec. 18-113, Vernal Pools Overlay District. These changes do not do anything to change the process or the goal of the section but are rather simply housekeeping pieces that are important to have in the section.

The Committee reviewed the changes and referred them on to the Planning Board for review.

6. Brief Town Manager's Report

Ms. Wilson gave a brief report on current issues.

7. Adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Minutes are summary only. An audio recording of the meeting is available on the Town's website at www.orono.org under Agendas and Minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

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