

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

**MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 2019 AT 6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBER – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

MINUTES

1. Roll Call

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

2. Continued Discussion of Short Term Rentals and Review of Draft Homestay (Short Term Rental) Land Use Ordinance Amendment and Related Sections (18-31 Definitions, 18-131 Home Occupations, 18-138 Accessory Dwelling Units, 8-111 Definitions)

At the May 6th Comprehensive Plan Committee meeting, Council saw some draft language and heard about the potential of a short-term rental registration that would mirror the town's existing rental registration used for long-term rentals. However, staff pointed out that pursuing this method would cause a host of other issues and complications that would ripple throughout the ordinance. Instead, staff suggested utilizing and expanding on the existing framework laid out in the Land Use Ordinance regarding travelers' accommodations and homestays. The idea was to keep the concept of short-term rentals housed in the Land Use Ordinance to recognize the commercial aspect of the use and the potential for land use concerns to arise, and at the same time, not create any additional regulations on homestays (also known as short-term rentals) that would hinder people from taking part in providing that type of service.

Town Planner Kyle Drexler reviewed the proposed draft ordinance language with the Committee to provide an alternative that would allow people to offer services (such as Airbnb) in their homes whether or not they are owner-occupied or non-owner occupied and whether or not they are in single-, two-, or multi-family dwellings.

3. Brief Town Manager's Report

Ms. Wilson gave a brief report on current issues.

4. Adjourned at 7:50 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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