

**TOWN OF ORONO
COUNCIL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2019 AT 6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBER – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

MINUTES

1. Roll Call

Present: Sam Kunz (Community Development Chair), Tom Perry, Laurie Osher, Cheryl Robertson, Terry Greenier, Town Manager Sophie Wilson, Community Development Director Dave Milan and Town Planner Kyle Drexler.

2. Regulating Temporary Markets - Including Farmers' Markets

Mr. Drexler stated this ordinance amendment aims to recognize temporary markets as a land use. He noted these markets are often very beneficial to communities as they provide an opportunity to purchase and sell locally made or grown goods. They also have the ability to transform an area on a temporary basis into a quality place within the community where people can gather. The proposed ordinance standards aim to allow the temporary markets to operate so the community can benefit from them but also create certain standards to combat any potential negative land use impacts on the surrounding area.

Mr. Drexler stated that the current Farmers' Market would be grandfathered from the standards. He noted that the ordinance would formalize a type of use that exists and provide guidelines for open markets. He noted that roadside stands less than 200 feet would be exempt from this ordinance. Mr. Milan stated that temporary markets and food trucks would be covered under separate ordinances.

The Committee reviewed the ordinance amendment and recommended changing the hours of operation to state the market will open at 7am, with set up allowed earlier so long as it complies with the noise ordinance.

The Committee supported staff's direction with the ordinance. Staff noted that the ordinance would be back next month with the changes. The Committee referred the ordinance to the April 22nd Council Workshop agenda for Council to consider referring it to the Planning Board for public hearing and review.

3. Revising Land Use Ordinance to Allow for Certain Types of Internal Telecommunications Equipment

Staff noted that wireless telecommunications facilities are structures, antennas, towers, or other devices which provide radio and television transmission as well as things like cellular phone service and mobile wireless services. As technology has continued to advance, this section of our ordinance has begun to be incomplete in certain areas. Most notably is the list of exemptions from the standards of the section. The standards in Sec. 18-145 largely address wireless telecommunication facilities that are standalone towers or antennas on the ground. Therefore,

many of the standards are aimed at addressing aesthetic concerns when placing these large facilities in a community. As technology improves, however, antennas in some cases have become small enough to locate entirely within existing structures. This amendment would include these smaller scale antennas that existed completely in an existing, enclosed structure as accessory uses to the principal structure rather than apply the standards of Sec. 18-145 which are oftentimes not applicable. The amendment would also include things like personal satellite dishes and wifi routers as exemptions to the standards of the section.

The Committee supported the changes and referred the ordinance to the April 22nd Council Workshop agenda for Council to consider referring it to the Planning Board for public hearing and review.

4. Proposed Community Events

Ms. Wilson reviewed the following proposed Town sponsored (coordinated and staffed) community events upcoming for summer and fall:

a. Civil War Monument Rededication Ceremony

Staff is working with the Orono Historical Society (OHS) to hold a rededication ceremony in October (as the Civil War Monument was its gift to the Town). OHS would like to have a celebration with dignitaries, trumpets and more to honor everyone who donated to this cause.

b. Brandon M. Silk Memorial Bridge Naming Ceremony

Staff will coordinate with the Maine DOT and Rep. Ryan Tipping-Spitz for this bridge signage ceremony. Brandon's family will be invited to the dedication which will likely take place shortly after the law naming the bridge becomes official in the fall.

c. Orono Public Library Building 10-Year Anniversary Celebration

Staff is working with the Orono Public Library Foundation, Friends of the Orono Public Library, and the Orono Public Library Board of Trustees for this event which is tentatively scheduled to take place in the fall on the Village Green. This 10-year Anniversary Celebration will recognize individual and corporate donors, dedicated volunteers, staff and residents.

5. Brief Town Manager's Report

Ms. Wilson provided a brief Town Manager's report on the following items:

- Council Workshop on April 22nd beginning with a tour of the Wastewater Pollution Control Facility at 5:15 p.m. and the meeting at 6 p.m.
- Council/RSU#26 Budget Workshop on April 23rd at 5 p.m. in Council Chambers.
- Update on boundary issue at 19 Mill Street. Ms. Wilson spoke of the Town's investment in infrastructure at that location and that the Town has a prescriptive use. She noted the public process that will take place at the Council Meeting on May 13th.
- Clean up of any 30-day tax lien notices that are under \$2.00.
- Ms. Wilson's vacation April 25th to May 4th.

6. Adjourned at 7:27 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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