

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

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

**MINUTES**

**1. Roll Call**

Present: Sam Kunz (Community Development Chair), Cindy Mehnert, Laurie Osher, Town Manager Sophie Wilson, Community Development Director Dave Milan and Town Planner Kyle Drexler.

**2. Planning Board's Report and Next Step for Proposed Ordinance Amendments:**

- **To Amend Standards for Wireless Telecommunications Facilities**

Town Planner Kyle Drexler stated the Planning Board held its public hearing on May 15, 2019 and no public comments were made. The Planning Board reviewed the ordinance and had no issues with the amendment. Mr. Drexler explained the technology changes and the ability to allow smaller scale antennas within an accessory building.

**The Committee agreed to set the date of the public hearing at the Special Council Meeting on July 29<sup>th</sup> and to hold the public hearing at the September 9<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.**

- **To Implement Standards for Temporary Markets**

Mr. Drexler stated the Planning Board held its public hearing on May 15, 2019 and no public comments were made. The Planning Board reviewed the ordinance amendments and made two recommendations: To change the language to “invasive plants” and to change the signage regarding hours.

Council discussed not wanting the temporary markets ordinance to stop occasional yard sales. Mr. Drexler confirmed that it would not affect yard sales.

**The Committee agreed to set the date of the public hearing at the Special Council Meeting on July 29<sup>th</sup> and to hold the public hearing at the September 9<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.**

**3. Discussion of Council/Committee Meetings Audio/Video Recording Policy**

The Committee discussed establishing a policy for the types of recordings of different Council and Council Committee meetings.

The Committee agreed the regular and special Council meetings should be held at the dais and video livestreamed, Council Workshops should be video or audio recorded and livestreamed for important public topics (the table setup will vary), and Council Committee meetings will

be audio recorded (unless deemed important to videotape).

**Staff will draft a Council/Committee Meetings Audio/Video Recording Policy for Council review.**

**4. Brief Town Manager's Report**

Ms. Wilson reported on the following topics:

- Marijuana issue – cannot be sold at Farmer's Market.
- Ongoing public survey on whether to opt-in to allow marijuana establishments in Orono. Results presented at the Council Workshop on July 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Overparking concerns at Gould's Landing – Residents Jim Dunning and George Eaton spoke of great progress made and supported a permitting process in the future. Ms. Wilson will continue to work with the Police Chief on this issue.
- Native species restoration project introduced at Brownies Park.
- Orono Paddlers granted permission by Planning Board to construct a canoe/kayak storage facility.
- Full Sailor Development neighborhood meeting to be held in the near future.
- New legislation allowing towns to enter into a power purchase arrangement for solar. Staff will also talk to RSU#26 and Orono-Veazie Water District.
- Town Manager's vacation schedule.
- Changes to Community Development Office work schedule.
- Special Council Meeting/Council Workshop, July 29<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.
- Ambulance purchase.
- Public Works cemetery monuments restoration project.
- Update on collective bargaining to be held in executive session, July 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Reception to be held in the fall for retiring Town Planner Evan Richert.
- Shakespeare on the Green, July 25-28<sup>th</sup>, Council to assist staff.
- Library 10-Year Anniversary Open House to be held September 7<sup>th</sup> from 4-6pm.
- Major repairs to Fire Department Tower 1 (\$12,000) on September Council Agenda.
- Pump Track being constructed.
- Board of Assessment Review unanimously denied abatement request. Next step to State Board of Assessment Review.
- Leases are being written for various groups using Town facilities. The goal is to codify the agreements which currently exists.

Dave Milan spoke highly of the Board of Assessment Review, noting they are a wonderful board and the Town should be very proud of the work that they do.

**5. Adjourned at 7:43pm.**

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Respectfully Submitted, Nancy W. Ward, Executive Assistant