



Office of Planning & Codes

Wiscasset Ordinance Review Committee Meeting Notes October 25, 2010

Members Present: Karl Olson, Pat Barnes, Doc Schilke, Jackie Lowell, Larry Lomison, Jeffrey Hinderliter (Town Planner), Bill Phinney (registered voter).

1. Meeting Opens at 5:02 PM.
2. Agenda items discussed: Temporary Business Ordinance (10/25/2010 D2), Seasonal or Temporary Business Ordinance (10/2010 ORC Final), Sign Ordinance (10/12/2010 Draft 1).
3. October 12, 2010 meeting notes approved
4. Temporary Business Ordinance, Seasonal or Temporary Business Ordinance. Jeffrey discussed the differences between both ordinances and indicated the ORC decided to remove the Seasonal or Temporary Business Ordinance and a Glossary definition and to work on improving the Temporary Business Ordinance. The ORC suggests a few changes to the amended Temporary Business Ordinance. Excluding the uses on the Main Street Pier from the ordinance is discussed and it seems that it's not fair to other activities to only exclude these uses. Amended language is adopted to exclude all activities occurring on town and school property.
Recommendations: Adjust ordinance to reflect tonight's changes and submit to the Selectmen.
5. Signs. Jeffrey points out the sign ordinance and associated memo. Jeffrey explains the sign ordinance and the ORC decides to begin its review of each section. The following was discussed.
 - Language adjustments to Purpose
 - Definitions- language amendments to awning, canopy or marquee, directory, projecting, deletion of subdivision, and temporary signs. Discussion regarding awning and canopy or marquee signs. Discussion concerning sign area definition- ORC decides to revisit this.
 - Nonconformance- what about existing signs that were placed illegally? These signs should not get the benefit of qualifying under the nonconformance provisions. Jeffrey points out that it states any sign in lawful existence qualifies so the illegal signs most likely would not.
 - Nonconformance- adjust language in 4.2 and delete 4.3.
 - Prohibited Signs- amend C- add on fences or on traffic control devices. E- add except for official traffic control devices. D- add of a business not functioning.
 - Exempted Signs- what about flags and banners- should these be exempted? ORC will discuss this later.
 - Exempted Signs- ORC discusses I in regard to whom from the town and state is responsible and has the authority for approving historic, preservation, trail makers, and cultural signs. ORC decides to amend the language to say Trail markers, historic, preservation, or cultural signs as approved by the sign control officer

- Exempted Signs- K, 32 sq. ft. is the sign area for community, charitable, nonprofit signs the ORC agrees to.
- Exempted Signs- N, this is discussed. ORC decide to add such vehicles must be registered to the business or business owner.
- Regulations Applicable to signs in all Districts- 7.3 add except barber poles and clocks. 7.4- ORC discusses digital signs and what should be permissible, if any. It appears the only permissible ones are those that show time and temperature only. 7.4 A- delete comprised of or. 7.4. C. i- delete. 7.7, setbacks are discussed and what they should be. Signs are not allowed in the road right-of-way- this may be a problem with overhanging signs in the downtown area because the ROW is so close to the building face. Should temporary signs meet the same setback requirements? Setback need to be further discussed.
- **Recommendations:** The ORC will continue to discuss this at the next meeting.

6. Adjourn: 6:50 PM

