



Office of Planning & Codes

WISCASSET ORDINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE.

Minutes, October 23, 2017

Present: Jackie Lowell, Karl Olson, Jason Putnam and Gordon Kontrath

1. Call to Order

Chair Karl Olson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

4. No Smoking Ordinance discussion with Parks and Recreation Director Lisa Thompson and Police Chief Jeffrey Lange (taken out of order)

Chief Lange was not present. Joan M. Atkinson, MS, Program Coordinator, Tobacco Prevention, LincolnHealth, accompanied Lisa Thompson.

Karl Olson said a draft of the No Smoking Ordinance was mostly finished last June, although specific areas where smoking would be prohibited were not included. Joan Atkinson said an important part of the ordinance should be the education and she offered to supply information and signs free of charge to the town. Lisa Thompson said communication and enforcement should be emphasized in the ordinance.

The list of town properties was reviewed. And the following properties will be included in the draft ordinance:

- i. The grounds surrounding the Municipal Complex
 - ii. The grounds surrounding the Public Works Garage
 - iii. The grounds surrounding the Power House
 - iv. The grounds surrounding the Maine Art Gallery
 - v. The grounds surrounding the Waste Water Treatment Plant
 - vi. The grounds surrounding the Wiscasset Scout Hall
 - vii. The Sunken Garden
 - viii. The Commercial, Recreational and Creamery Piers; the boat launches and associated parking areas
 - ix. The grounds located between High Street, Main Street and Bath Road (Route 1). This is commonly referred to as the "Town Common"
 - x. White's Island
 - xi. The Grounds of the Recreation Center and the Route 27 Playground
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- xii. The grounds of all schools located with Wiscasset
- xiii. Mason Station

Gordon Konrath said the ordinance will ban smoking every place we want tourists to visit and suggested that smoking be allowed in some areas for those smokers. Lisa Thompson said she was concerned that the educational facilities, rec center, fields and waterfront be smoke-free. She added that four students had volunteered to work on the ordinance. She emphasized the importance of educating the public.

2. Election of Chairman

Jackie Lowell nominated Karl Olson as chairman. Vote 3-0-1.

3. Approval of August 28, 2017 minutes

Jason Putnam moved to approve the minutes as presented. Vote 4-0-0.

5. Marijuana Moratorium (expires in December)

Maine Municipal Association has advised towns to pass or extend a moratorium on marijuana-related growing, manufacturing, testing, sale or social clubs or to pass an ordinance banning all marijuana related businesses until the State's moratorium ends. In response to a question from the Town Manager, Olson will advise that the ORC has not yet begun to work on an ordinance.

6. Other Business

It was the consensus of the board to ask the selectmen for funds for the recording secretary.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.