

WISCASSET ORDINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE  
MINUTES MAY 14, 2018

Members present were Al Cohen, Jackie Lowell, Gordon Kontrath, Karl Olson. Jason Putnam was absent.

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Minutes of April 23, 2018

Gordon Kontrath moved to accept the minutes. Vote 4-0-0.

3. Ordinance changes regarding timber harvesting

Wiscasset had received a letter from the State regarding one of three options for regulating timber harvesting: Town takes responsibility, Town shares responsibility with State, State has responsibility. It was thought the decision had been made sometime in the past, but no one was sure which option had been chosen. At any rate, the ordinance had not been changed accordingly. Records will be researched to see what decision had been made. It appears that the Shoreland Ordinance has not been updated to the latest State version.

4. Final review of Historic Preservation Ordinance

The draft was reviewed to ensure that all changes made at the previous meeting had been included. Jackie Lowell moved to accept the draft as final and forward it to the Board of Selectmen.

Gordon Kontrath asked whether there should be two warrant articles, one asking whether to change the district and the other to change the ordinance as it has been drafted. It would not be possible to have both warrant articles on the same warrant as they could cancel each other out. It would be necessary to have the article changing the district a year before the rest of the ordinance as the ordinance has to be approved at an annual town meeting.

Karl Olson will forward the HPO to the Town Manager, suggesting that the ordinance be reviewed by an attorney regarding a vote required at the June annual meeting before forwarding it to the select board.

5. Other Business

John Reinhardt thanked the ORC for its work on the Historic Preservation Ordinance.

6. Adjournment

Al Cohen moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:21 p.m. Vote 4-0-0.