

Ordinance Committee Meeting
October 9, 2024

Members Attending: Lou Brann, Jane Quint, Paul Burmeister, Daryl Boness, Cindy Violette,
Alternate: Kathleen Theriault
Public Guests: Ken Violette, Kathleen Landry

Alternates Jane Quint and Paul Burmeister were installed as voting members tonight

Minutes from September meeting were accepted unanimously - Motion by Lou Brann seconded by Jane Quint.

Paul Burmeister ~~asked requested~~ to discuss solar farms to see if we could ask the Selectboard to put in place a moratorium until an ordinance could be created. Solar farms are of no benefit to the environment or town. Paul feels it would destroy our scenic views. A moratorium ~~ordinance would~~ still needs an ordinance committee to be created, the Sselect-board then to review it and create a warrant, and atown meetings to vote on it. Daryl will ask ~~select~~ Selectboard if they want us to create a moratorium ordinance for commercial solar arrays.
Learn from a convention the way to number ordinances for correcting our towns as we review and revise them.

The group ~~then picked up discussed from last meeting discussion of the~~ Administrative Ordinance Part 2, ~~brainstorming we jumped around and agreed on all issues. Next meeting we will all review~~ Multiple sections of the ordinance were reviewed and amended, all revisions were accepted by consensus.

One of the most substantive change centered around removing the ambiguity of section 2-18 about the Road Commissioner duties. The changes agreed on by the committee used language that is in accordance with shall be elected by Town Meeting, change second part of sentence. To sMaine State Sstatue related wording.
Change wording from road commissioner to employ, to road commissioner to hire.

The other substantive change was agreeing to wording that would eliminate the Bid Committee and replace it with ad hoc advisory committees to assist the Selectboard with the competitive bid process where it was appropriate and established a mandatory process over a certain threshold of estimated cost. A clause was added to allow emergency situations to override the mandatory process.

Following on the article about the US Supreme Court ruling regarding the use of shall versus must in legal documents, We we should will review this throughout the ordinance and in subsequent revision of any ordinance.the shall/must in writing of all ordinance in admin. Part 2:

The ordinance needs clarification of emergency situation (24 hours) response time regarding

~~roadways and responsibility of road commissioner. Road commissioner to assess, estimate and create a plan may happen as a later remedy. This should be presented and approved by select board before implementing.~~

~~As a committee, we agreed in unison, that the parts of many articles need work.~~ Before our next meeting, each of ~~us~~ member of the committee will review the entire ordinance and create a list of the articles-sections that are they feel are in need of work.

~~Daryl will create the revisions to all articles we discussed and have ready for next meeting~~

Adjourned at 7:48 pm