

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

(Town Council Sub-committee)

Members (FY2018) Claudia King Andy Jones Aaron Svedlow

Meeting Minutes

September 25, 2017; 5:00 PM

Members Present: Claudia King, Andy Jones, and Aaron Svedlow

Others Present: Nathan Poore (town manager), Jeff Sedlack, and Jackie Studer

1. Elect a chair.

By consensus, Claudia King was elected Chair of the Ordinance Committee.

- 2. Discussion about Council Work Plan assignments and priorities
 - a) Review and recommend if necessary, abutter notifications requirements within Falmouth ordinances

The Committee agreed that this should be a top priority. It was also agreed that the next step is for staff to conduct a thorough inventory of existing requirements in the ordinance and to research practices in other communities. Staff will then present the Committee with a recommendation for changes.

Jeff Sedlack suggested that we consider a requirement to have all abutter notifications mailed via certified, return receipt.

b) Food truck/vendor regulations

The Committee agreed that this matter would be its second priority. Amanda Stearns will attend the next meeting to refresh the committee and offer recommendations for a change in regulations associated with food trucks/vendors.

c) Parking practices at trail heads

It was agreed that this matter was no longer an issue require Council attention.

d) Review firearms ordinance

The Committee requested the following for next steps and agreed that this matter would be its third highest priority.

- i. Staff to review articles from Maine Municipal Association and other sources along with a review of state and federal laws to help determined what home rule authority is available to the town. This review will include research on high powered, large magazine firearms (in general) and firearms on municipal property.
- ii. Schedule a future meeting where Lucky D'Ascanio and Lt. John Kilbride will attend to discuss existing firearms regulations within Falmouth's ordinances.
- e) Review options for regulating personal/recreational fire pits (not on Council work plan but requested by a resident)

The Committee agreed to have staff review regulations from other towns and report back to the Committee at a later date. The Council agreed that this would be its fourth priority. The staff research should include a report on odor and wood boiler regulations.

3. Other business

There was no other business brought forward.

4. Next meeting date

The next meeting will be on November 13 at 5:30 PM.

The meeting adjourned, by consensus at 5:50 PM.