

ORC Minutes January 11, 2024

Attendance

Members Present: Kevin Raday, Deb Brusini, Suzanne Schrader, Mary Tworog

Others present: Tori Hill, Haley Richardson

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of September 14, 2024 Minutes

Traffic and Parking Ordinance

- **Cedar Drive** (off 302 by Moose Pond Causeway) Sight line problem
 - since it is a state road, it is a MDOT issue, not Bridgton Police issue, therefore need state approval
 - Based on MDOT chart, since speed limit there is 50 MPH, no parking signs need to be posted 495 feet from the entrance to Cedar Drive in both directions on the north/south side of 302
 - The town staff will contact the state about this issue
 - This will be added to the Prohibited Parking section of the ordinance
- **Parking area across from boat launch on Moose Pond Causeway**
 - There is a problem with vehicles making a U-turn in this parking lot after putting their boats in the water
 - a No U-Turn sign will be placed there to alleviate this problem, vehicles can make a u-turn at the West Bridgton Fire Station which is very close by

Special Amusement/ Outdoor Festival Ordinances Update

- Town Staff has taken on these ordinances
- use Windham Mass Gathering Ordinance as a guide
- Laurie and Brenda need to sign off on this but staff would like to repeal Outdoor Festival Ordinance and replace it with Mass Gathering Ordinance
 - who does the repeal???
- new ordinance needs to go to legal
- ORC will review and comment on the new Mass Gathering Ordinance, Tori will get it to us by our next meeting
- New Ordinance will be presented to the select Board at their February 27 meeting
- Considered adding it to the Land Use ordinance but would it become too complicated?
- remove temporary use from Land Use ordinance
- take mass gatherings out of Land Use
- currently mass gatherings need a sight plan review, change this to Permit
- Permits
 - will require specific information
 - evaluate if location is appropriate
 - Laurie says Permit needs to be submitted 60 days before a mass gathering,
 - no waiver for minimum application time
 - for Minor gatherings (500-1000 people) Permit and approval by department heads
 - for Major gatherings (over 1000 people) needs to go to department heads and Select Board
- Victuals license ordinance will have to be changed
- new ordinance will need approval need by town clerk, code enforcement officer, emergency management, Police and fire departments
- need final copy presented to Select Board by early April
- important to keep keep Mass Gathering Ordinance separate from LD2003 ordinance and lot size ordinance on ballot

Mooring Ordinance

- Select Board asked Tori and Brenda for a mooring ordinance
- this will be presented to select Board ASAP
 - will be sent to Planning Board and Ordinance Review committee for suggestions first
- Town will need part time Harbormaster for enforcement
 - Harbormaster would handle permits for floats and mooring balls

- there is a new rule about Harbormaster training
- Include section for structures made for living on a lake (boat with living quarters) including transient and rentals
- Does the town need a mooring field in future???

Next Meeting, February 8, 2024

- What to work on next?
- look at priority list
- Safe Zones
 - read current safe Zones ordinance
 - think of questions for Chief Jones
- Water and Mineral Extraction
 - is this a Planning Board Issue?
 - is this part of Land Use?
 - Sebago is working on this. Look at their ordinance and maybe adopt it?
- Should mission and membership of ORC be expanded???
- would this cause a confusion in responsibilities?
- if we take on more, would we need more members of the planning board on the ORC?
- look at what other towns are doing
- Should Bridgton be reactive or proactive???

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