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## ORDINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE AGENDA

**Monday February 13, 2023**

**Gardiner Library Hazzard Room**

- 1.) Call the meeting to order-Acting Chair Clare Marron called the meeting to order at 5pm.
- 2.) Roll Call-Clare Marron, Rusty Greenleaf, Pat Hart, Lisa St. Hilaire, Joel Greenwood, Kris McNeill, Angelia Christopher. Debby Willis was unable to attend.
- 3.) Review of November 21, 2022 meeting notes- No changes were requested. Rusty Greenleaf moved to accept the minutes as written. Lisa St. Hilaire seconded. All members present in favor.
- 4.) Electronic Reader Boards- The committee reviewed the suggestions from Planner Joel Greenwood. The committee went over working changes and worked on clarifying details. Joel will make these adjustments and this will come back to ORC for final review, and then on to the Planning Board.
- 6.) Non-conforming Cannabis business- Code Enforcement Officer- Kris McNeill states that there needs to be some changes to the amount of time that a cannabis business can be non-conforming. The Planner submitted material for review that states: 'A nonconforming use which is discontinued for a period of **one year** may not be resumed at that location'. The Committee decided that they would like the time limit changed to 6 months. Joel will edit this, and bring the material back to the next meeting.
- 7.) Barking Dogs- Joel presented amendments to decrease the continuous 1 hr barking to 30 min and set the time limit to 2 hrs intermittent. Joel will make these edits and come back for review at the next meeting.
- 8.) Demo Delay- Kris McNeill states that this is a common practice in other towns. The Committee discussed Joel's amendments to the current ordinance. They decided to eliminate #3 and #5 from the list. Joel will make these changes and bring them back to the next meeting.

The following criteria shall be used to determine if a building is significant:

1. The building is listed on the State or National Register of Historic Places, or is partially or completely within the boundaries of an area so listed; or
2. The building has been determined by the State Historic Preservation Office and/or the National Park Service to be eligible for listing on the State or National Register of Historic Places; or
- ~~3. The building is on the Gardiner Historic Register adopted by the City Council; or~~
4. The building has documented associations, to the satisfaction of the Historic Preservation Commission, with one or more historic persons or events, or with the broad architectural, cultural, political, economic or social history of the City, the state or the nation; or

~~5. The building has documented historical or architectural importance in terms of period, style, method of construction, specific use, or association with a recognized builder or architect, either by itself or in the context of a group of buildings.~~

9.) Electronic Fences- There is nothing in the ordinance about electric fences yet. The Committee agreed to add the definition of electric fence. Joel submitted material for review. The group agrees that the setback for an electric fence should be 10' from the property line. Also signs need to be on the fence every 30' providing warning that the fence is electric. Joel will make these changes and bring them back for review.

10.) Battery Storage Facilities –Joel presented a very in-depth, detailed sample. These storage facilities are hazardous and would need to be kept away from highly residential areas, and will be allowed in limited areas. The Committee discussed what they would like this standard to look like. They ask Joel to come back with a simplified version and will work from there.

11.) Other: the next ORC meeting is scheduled for March 20<sup>th</sup>.

12.) Adjourn: Pat Hart motioned to adjourn at 6:20pm. Lisa St. Hilaire seconded the motion.

All members present in favor.