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ORDINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
Monday August 16, 2021 @ 5:00 PM
City Council Chambers

1.) **Call the meeting to order-** Chair Willis called the meeting to order at 510 pm

2.) Roll Call-Mayor Pat Hart, Kris McNeill- Code Enforcement Officer, Tracey Desjardins- Economic Development Director, Rusty Greenleaf, Angelia Christopher- Planning and Development Assistant. Mark Eyerman- City Planner. Clare Marron and Louis Sigel were not present for the meeting. Louis Sigel

3.) Review of June 21, 2021 meeting notes- Chair Willis asked if there were any comments or corrections. No. She asked for a motion. Rusty Greenleaf made a motion to approve the 6/21/21 minutes as presented. Kris McNeill seconds the motion. No further discussion. All in favor.

4.) Consideration of Remote Participation policy- This topic will be tabled until the September 2021 ORC meeting as public notice requirements were not met.

5.) Review possible standards for accessory solar installations—The committee reviewed the amendments that Mark submitted. They are happy with the work he has done. The legend needs to be updated with correct zones. The Board has questions about the height of the panels as most panels are 12'. Kris McNeill is going to look at some of the residential arrays in town, and measure the height. He will give this info to Mark, to make sure that the height requirement will work. This will come back to ORC in September.

6.) Discuss tree harvesting standards in the HDR District--- This has come up due to a recent clear cut in the city. The Maine Forest Service was involved, and so that

ensured that the state rules were enforced. At this time, the state handles forestry work. Mark Eyerman asks if the City wants to try to come up with an ordinance that will work with the states, as this has been an issue. The committee agrees to let the state handle this and leave it alone.

7.) Blasting: Gardiner has had some big projects recently that have required blasting. Kris McNeill tries to get information about blasting on larger projects and have it posted on the City's website so the community can get information. There are smaller projects happening all the time that go unknown and the committee feels that should be remedied. Mark Eyerman presented two samples of a blasting ordinance. The committee reviewed the samples and decided that they would like more work on this as a permit to blast should be required. A permit will give the city information about blasting work being done around the city. Mark will work on this and bring it back in September.

8.) Other: The Committee discussed what areas need to be looked at for future meetings. Mark feels that the committee should start looking at the multifamily standards again and will get something ready for 9/1 in regards to multifamily and open space. Marijuana will need to be reviewed again, pertaining to extractions and what will happen when the state is done making changes to the marijuana laws.

During a discussion earlier in the meeting, it was brought up that fences do not get permitted. The Committee would like this changed as several fences have popped up in the City that do not meet the ordinance.

The next ORC meeting will be held 9/20/21 in City Hall Chambers**.**

9.) Adjourn: Chair Willis asked for a motion to adjourn. Rusty Greenleaf motioned to adjourn at 6:50pm. Mayor Pat Hart offered the second. All in favor.