

**TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
August 4, 2020
Zoom #867 3149 5619**

Present: Kenneth DiFazio, Chair
Brian Dwyer-Vice Chair
Rebecca Haugh, Councilor
Christopher Heffernan, Councilor
Arthur Mathews, Councilor

Absent: Joseph Callanan, Town Solicitor

Also Present: Robert Luongo, Planning Director
Eric Schneider, Principal Planner
Kathleen Deree, Town Clerk

Recording Secretary: Diane Hachey

Chair DiFazio called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM. It was noted that Councilor Dwyer had internet connection issues and was dialing in to the meeting.

Town Clerk, Kathy Deree called the roll with all members present.

Chair DiFazio reviewed that this evening there are five items on the agenda. These originally were submitted as one measure entitled "Miscellaneous Ordinance Amendments". The Council requested that Planning separate into individual measures.

All were referred on May 28, 2020, the Ordinance Committee met on June 29, 2020, a joint public hearing was held in conjunction with the Planning Board on July 13, 2020. The Planning Board has since met and voted as follows:

20 089-Yes
20 090-Yes
20 091-Yes
20 092-measure was withdrawn
20 093-Yes

Chair DiFazio asked that the Planning Department give a brief overview to the committee. Mr. Schneider summarized that these were presented by the Planning Department in a good faith effort but it appears that a combination of the press and Council discussions resulted in confusion that these would add density, when the intent is to allow density in order to restore buildings that are under new construction.

Chair DiFazio questioned if the committee would need to vote to withdraw measure number 20 092. Councilor Mathews stated that it has officially been withdrawn by administration, so no need.

20 089-Proposed Miscellaneous Amendments to the Town’s Zoning Ordinances/Garages

Chair DiFazio noted that the Planning Board voted favorable action.

A motion was made by Councilor Mathews to forward measure 20 089 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. A roll call vote was taken. Councilor Haugh- Yes, Councilor Heffernan, Yes, Councilor Mathews-Yes, Councilor Dwyer-Yes, Chair DiFazio- Yes. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

20 090-Proposed Miscellaneous Amendments to the Town’s Zoning Ordinances/Commercial Corridor Overlay District

Chair DiFazio noted that the Planning Board voted favorable action.

A motion was made by Councilor Mathews to forward measure 20 090 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. A roll call vote was taken. Councilor Haugh- Yes, Councilor Heffernan, Yes, Councilor Mathews-Yes, Councilor Dwyer-Yes, Chair DiFazio- Yes. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

20 091-Proposed Miscellaneous Amendments to the Town’s Zoning Ordinances/Correction of Scrivener Error

Chair DiFazio noted that the Planning Board voted favorable action.

A motion was made by Councilor Mathews to forward measure 20 091 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. A roll call vote was taken. Councilor Haugh- Yes, Councilor Heffernan, Yes, Councilor Mathews-Yes, Councilor Dwyer-Yes, Chair DiFazio- Yes. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

20 092-Proposed Miscellaneous Amendments to the Town’s Zoning Ordinances/Dimensional Requirement-Highway Transition

Chair DiFazio noted that measure number 20 092 was officially withdrawn by the Planning Board and Administration.

20 093-Proposed Miscellaneous Amendments to the Town’s Zoning Ordinances/Dimensional Requirements-Public Open Space

Chair DiFazio noted that the Planning Board voted favorable action.

A motion was made by Councilor Mathews to forward measure 20 093 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. A roll call vote was taken. Councilor Haugh- Yes, Councilor Heffernan, Yes, Councilor Mathews-Yes, Councilor Dwyer-Yes, Chair DiFazio- Yes. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Chair DiFazio stated that he will report out at the next Town Council Meeting, which is scheduled for August 10th.

Councilor Mathews noted that his plan is that the Special Town Council Meeting on August 10th should be the last of the summer, dependent on the measures submitted by administration. That meeting will include this report of committee, and a public hearing on traffic regulations/speed limit on East Street.

Town Clerk, Kathy Deree noted that the call of the election is also included on the next agenda.

Bob Luongo, Planning Director, announced that Councilor Harrington requested information at an earlier Town Council Meeting regarding property owners which were in the highway district. He didn't think he would be able to capture this information, but with the help of the town's GIS department, was able to and the information was submitted to the Ordinance Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:16 PM, there being no further business, a motion was made by Councilor Mathews to adjourn and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan.

A roll call vote was taken. Councilor Haugh-Yes, Councilor Heffernan-Yes, Councilor Mathews-Yes, Councilor Dwyer-Yes, Chair DiFazio-Yes. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Respectfully Submitted by Diane Hachey as Recording Secretary

Approved by Kenneth DiFazio as Ordinance Committee Chairman

Voted unanimously on 8 September 2020