

WISCASSET ORDINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE
MINUTES, MAY 22, 2023
IN PERSON AND VIA ZOOM

Present: Corey Bachman, Jackie Lowell, Chair Karl Olson, Don Oyster, Anna Ridle and Select Board members Terry Heller, Dusty Jones, Bill Maloney, and Sarah Whitfield

Absent: Al Cohen

1. Call to Order

Chair Karl Olson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

Don Oyster moved to approve the minutes of May 8, 2023. Vote 5-0-0.

3. LD2003 Discussion

Lincoln County Planner Emily Rabbe said that in ORC discussions of LD 2003, several questions had arisen and these questions had been forwarded to the selectboard. She provided background on LD2003 which addresses housing affordability, by allowing increased density, and designating growth areas for development. LD2003 goes into effect on July 1, 2023, although the deadline may be extended.

Rabbe had drafted revisions to the Wiscasset ordinances and in the process had found several areas which should be addressed. Specifically, Rabbe asked the selectboard to determine whether short-term rentals should be regulated, whether "adequate" off-street parking should be further defined and whether maximum and minimum lot coverage should be defined. Town Manager Dennis Simmons suggested that regulation of short-term rentals be a separate ordinance.

A workshop on LD2003 will be held at the Lincoln County Regional Planning office on June 5.

4. Other Business

Karl Olson reported that the subdivision application is being revised.

5. Adjournment

Don Oyster moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:03 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.