

TOWN OF ORONO
COUNCIL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE VIRTUAL MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2021 AT 5:00 PM
(The meeting will end before sundown.)

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MINUTES

1. Roll Call

Present: Terry Greenier (Community Development Committee Chair), Council Chair Tom Perry, Cheryl Robertson, Laura Mitchell, Geoffrey Wingard, Laurie Osher, and Town Manager Sophie Wilson.

2. Presentation of the Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System (BACTS) Bus Stop Policy and Design Guidelines *(Video record time 00:20-25:58)*

Sara Devlin (Executive Director) and Connie Reed (Transportation Planner) of Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System (BACTS) gave a presentation on the draft Bus Stop Policy and Design Guidelines that will guide the development of a system-wide designated bus stop plan to transition the Community Connector from a flag-stop system to a designated-stop system. In addition to the initial designation plan, the bus stop design guidelines are intended to provide municipalities, local developers, and other partners a consistent set of guidelines to facilitate the proper siting, design, installation, and maintenance of either existing or proposed bus stops and shall be applied to any future routes, proposed bus stop plan, design, and/or improvements.

In order for the group to finalize policies of how bus stops will be managed and maintained, it is necessary to understand the total number and scope of bus stops and facility requirements in the system. The Work Group's next step is to complete the system-wide designed bus stop plan.

The Committee asked questions of the process, plan and funding. The BACTS representatives noted they would get municipal input before going out to the public. Designated Bus Stops will allow better use of technology.

3. Review of Vegetation Ordinance Revisions Proposed by Orono Tree Board *(Video record time 26:00-36:055)*

Public Works Director and Tree Warden Rob Yerxa reviewed the Tree Board's proposed revisions to the Town's Ordinance for Chapter 38 - Vegetation. The proposed document seeks to expand the Board's membership to include two (2) Associate Members, reorganizes the layout of

the ordinance, make minor revisions to reflect practice, and addresses a wide array of diseases and pest infestations.

Due to the proposed changes to the Vegetation Ordinance, it is recommended to repeal and replace the current Vegetation Ordinance. The public hearing will be held at the May 10, 2021 Council Meeting.

4. Orono Police Department Community Services Division Implementation Update *(Video record time 36:56-1:08:02)*

Police Chief Josh Ewing and Community Policing Director Ed Leskey gave an update on the positive rollout of the community services division of the Police Department, its interaction with each Town department and their community outreach. The Committee shared its support.

5. Review of Applications for Vacant Associate Planning Board Member Positions (2) *(Video record time 1:08:03-1:26:15)*

Town Planner Kyle Drexler stated there are two Associate Seats that are open on the Planning Board and provided information about the Board. Planning Board Chair Phil Ruck noted there are three residents that submitted applications to serve on the Planning Board. He reviewed the duties and responsibilities of the Board. Mr. Perry suggested setting up interviews with the candidates for both Planning Board and the OVWD Trustee position. The Committee agreed to interview the candidates at the April 26th Finance Committee Meeting.

6. Review of Applications for Vacant Orono Veazie Water District Trustee Position (1)

The Committee agreed to interview the two OVWD Trustee candidates at the April 26th Finance Committee Meeting also.

7. Ad Hoc Council Environment Committee Update *(Video record time 01:26:25-1:38:11)*

Councilor Robertson provided written information to Council and gave a brief update on the Council Environment Committee's activities as well as information on the regional climate action planning discussions. She spoke of fuel efficiencies, reducing Orono's carbon footprint, recycling efforts, renewable energy credits, regional climate action planning efforts, and grant opportunities.

8. Town Manager's Report *(Video record time 01:38:12-1:58:00)*

Ms. Wilson provided an update on the following upcoming items:

- No meetings next week. Next Council Committee Meeting is April 26, 2021.
- Town Manager to schedule a Council discussion with the key groups/individuals regarding fluoridation of the water supply.
- Discussion with Town Attorney regarding a Freedom of Action Act serial request.
- Town adoption of land acknowledgement to Council Committee (May 20th).
- Special Council Training Workshop with Town Attorney to be scheduled.
- Proposed budget documents to be sent to Council April 20, 2021.

- Two Police Officer positions to fill.
- Walk-in appointments available at the Town Office.
- Limited walk-in appointments available at the library.
- Agreement with UMaine for lifeguard assistance with the municipal pool, while following CDC, etc guidelines.

9. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:59 p.m.

Minutes are summary only. A video-recorded version is available on the Town's website at www.orono.org.

Respectfully submitted,

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