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MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

WHEN: 7 p.m. Wednesday, September 28, 2016
WHAT: Main Street property owners meeting to discuss zoning along Main Street
(Juniper St. to Kelley Road)
WHERE: Municipal Building – Council Chambers

Orono's long-term plan for growth recognizes that properties along Main Street between Kelley Road and downtown are likely to face changes in coming years. This corridor remains an attractive and, overall, healthy gateway into Orono. It includes the Main Street Historic District (from Maplewood to Pine Street).

The question is whether, in the face of economic and demographic changes, it will be able to maintain its historic and other attractive qualities. Most of the homes still are single-family homes occupied by their owners. A number are rental properties and several are in business use. In recent years, the Town has had several inquiries about rezoning individual residential properties to enable more flexible use of these properties.

It may be that, over time, the best way to preserve the quality of the corridor would be to build in some flexibility – so that, for example, a large home no longer marketable for only a single family could have a dwelling and an office or be converted to professional office or other low impact use, as long as it preserved the historic or other important characteristics of the property.

Orono's updated Comprehensive Plan recommends a type of zoning along Main Street that would allow for this flexibility for residential or converted residential properties. But how it is implemented – how much flexibility, for what purposes -- needs to be decided.

We invite you to an open discussion about this – on **Wednesday, Sept. 28, 7 p.m.** in the Council Chambers in the Municipal Building.

Note: This is a public meeting and all are welcome. This notice is going to property owners with addresses on Main Street from Juniper Street to Old Kelley Road; and to property owners that abut the Main Street properties. If you know of others who would be interested, please feel free to let them know. Thanks.

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