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TOWN OF GORHAM ORDINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING Tuesday, September 21, 2021 – 8 a.m. Conference Room A

Committee Members:

Councilor Ronald Shephard – Committee Chair
Councilor Benjamin Hartwell
Councilor Virginia Wilder Cross

1. Consideration of minutes of August 17, 2021 meeting.

SEE ATTACHMENT 1

2. **Current Business**

- A. Prepare an ordinance that would classify certain sidewalks for winter maintenance within the Town of Gorham as the responsibility of the abutting property owner, as well as classify those which would be the responsibility of the Town of Gorham (referred by the Town Council on April 6, 2021).

SEE ATTACHMENT A

- B. Review and prepare an amendment to the Land Use and Development Code requiring annual inspections of gravel pits to be conducted by a third-party inspector and refer the recommendation back to the Town Council (referred by the Town Council on July 6, 2021).

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- C. Review and prepare an amendment to the Land Use and Development Code to streamline the performance guarantee and site plans process as recommended by staff and refer the recommendation back to the Town Council (referred by the Town Council on July 6, 2021).

SEE ATTACHMENT C

- D. Review and prepare an amendment to the Fire Suppression Systems Ordinance to allow for an exemption of residential dwellings under 400 square-feet and refer the recommendation back to the Town Council (referred by the Town Council on July 6, 2021).

GENERAL DISCUSSION

3. **Items Referred by Town Council to Committee for Future Meetings/Action**

- A. Review expansion of the remaining village areas, other than the village expansion zone 1/Little Falls area, as called for by the Comprehensive Plan and provide recommendations to the Town Council by or before February 2024 (referred by the Town Council on November 10, 2020).

- B. Review and provide recommendations for amendments to applicable Town ordinances to allow for Medical Marijuana Caregiver Retail Stores in the Town of Gorham pursuant to 22 M.R.S. § 2429-D (referred by Town Council on May 4, 2021).
- C. Review and provide recommendations for amending the ordinances of the Town of Gorham to authorize medical marijuana retail sales as an allowed use (referred by the Town Council on August 3, 2021).
- D. Review and provide a recommendation for amendments to the Land Use and Development Code to allow for a refund of Zoning Board of Appeals application fees when a determination of a Code Enforcement Officer is overturned by the ZBA (referred by the Town Council on September 7, 2021).
- E. Review and provide a recommendation for amendments to the Land Use and Development Code to adopt the South Gorham Crossroads District as identified by the Town's Comprehensive Plan (referred by the Town Council on September 7, 2021).
- F. Examine performance standards for multi-family housing to promote effective multi-family development in the Town of Gorham and recommend amendments to the Land Use and Development Code (referred by the Town Council on September 7, 2021).

4. **Other Business**

5. **Schedule next meeting and discuss agenda items for next meeting.**

6. **Recent Items Sent to Town Council with Committee Recommendations.**

- A. Perform a full overview of the Firearms Ordinance and provide recommendations to the Town Council (referred by the Town Council on February 2, 2021).

The Town Council voted and unanimously approved of the recommended changes to the ordinance and map at their August 3, 2021 meeting.

- B. Review and recommend adding agricultural event centers and agricultural tourism uses to the Land Use & Development Code (referred by the Town Council on January 5, 2021).

The Town Council voted and unanimously approved at their August 3, 2021 meeting of forwarding the recommended amendments to the Land Use & Development to the Planning Board for public hearing and recommendation.

- C. Review the feasibility of adding requirements to the Land Use & Development Code that would require phased build outs of subdivisions and report back to the Town Council with a recommendation (referred by the Town Council on April 6, 2021).

The Town Council voted and unanimously approved at their August 3, 2021 meeting of forwarding the recommended amendments to the Land Use & Development Code to the Planning Board for public hearing and recommendation.

7. **Adjournment**