

A G E N D A

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, May 9, 2017 – 8 a.m.

Conference Room A

Committee Members:

Councilor Ben Hartwell, Chair
Councilor Sherrie Benner
Councilor Ronald Shepard

1. Consideration of minutes of March 29, 2017 meeting.

SEE ATTACHMENT 1

2. **Current Business**

- A. Review Proposed Cemetery Ordinance and make a recommendation to Council (referred by Town Council on September 6, 2016).

SEE ATTACHMENT A

- B. Review the Narragansett Development District and make appropriate recommendations for changes, if any, to the Town Council (referred by Town Council on January 5, 2016).

THE COMMITTEE VOTED TO TABLE THIS ITEM UNTIL STAFF HAS MORE INFORMATION ABOUT DEVELOPER'S PLANS FOR PROPERTY.

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

- A. Review a request to amend the Land Use & Development Code to allow varied density in large houses in the Gorham Village area, as recommended in the Comprehensive Plan, and make a recommendation to Town Council (referred by Town Council on March 7, 2017).
- B. Review the Sprinkler Ordinance and consider putting some limitations on what is defined as a structure and report back to Town Council with recommendation (referred by Town Council on January 3, 2017).
- C. Review the permitted uses in the Industrial and Commercial Zone and recommend changes, if appropriate, to the Town Council (referred by Town Council on October 4, 2016).
- D. Review a proposal to allow the Fire Department to provide an option to conduct reviews and issue construction permits of building plans that currently require review and approval by the State Fire Marshall's Office, and to make appropriate recommendations to the Town Council (referred by Town Council on July 5, 2016).
- E. Review the Town's Sign Ordinance and make appropriate recommendations to the Town Council of any changes (referred by Town Council on February 2, 2016).

- F. Review proposal to amend the Land use and Development Code by adding the sale of industrial products as a permitted use in the Industrial Zone and provide a recommendation to the Town Council (referred by Town Council on December 2, 2014).

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. Develop the standards and priorities for funds received from the TDR. **At April 4 Council Meeting, Council ordered to adopt the policy.**
- B. Review and refine a draft proposal to amend Chapter II, Section V, (11)(F) Sidewalks to allow alternatives to constructing sidewalks when the Planning Board considers an alternative to be in the Town's best interest and make a recommendation to the Town Council (referred by Town Council on October 4, 2016). **The Committee recommended the proposal be referred to the Planning Board for a public hearing.**
- C. Recommend proposal to standardize the Public Record and notification process to define how public notification is done and to include the records available on the Town website including, but not limited to the Town Manager's agenda comments and weekly report (referred by Town Council on March 3, 2015). **Committee Chair/Councilor Hartwell recommended the proposal to Council at the subsequent Town Council Meeting and Council accepted the proposal.**
- D. Review proposed amendment to Chapter II, Section XIV of the Land Use and Development Code regarding Dog Kennels and make a recommendation (referred by Town Council on September 6, 2016). **Committee Chair/Councilor Hartwell will ask Council to remove this item from the agenda, as it is no longer a relevant issue.**