

Zoning Ordinance Review Committee

Meeting Date: November 9, 2011

Attendees: Kathy Corson, Doug Eastman, Barb McEvoy, John Hauschildt, Sylvia von Aulock, Pam Gjettum, Pete Richardson, Kristen Murphy, John Merkle,

Meeting Notes

A. Review of proposed amendment list, see below:

1. Page 2-3, article 2.2.18, Discontinuance: Add the following sentence at the end of the article. "Signs that are not in use for greater than one year will be considered to be discontinued, regardless of the intention of the property owner."

2. Page 5-19, article 5.7.3.D.1, Delete the present article and insert the following: "Right-of-Way limitations: No person, firm, or corporation shall place, caused to be placed or allow to be placed, any sign so-called in the rights-of-way owned by the Town of Exeter whether adjacent to a street, road or sidewalk or not. This provision shall also apply to banner-type signs extending across the town's right-of-way and to signs affixed to utility poles within such rights-of-way. Any person, firm or corporation seeking an exemption from this section shall petition the Board of Selectmen, in a regular session, for a waiver. The petition shall clearly state the need of the posting places affected, and the duration of the posting." This proposed amendment quotes Town Ordinance articles 502.2 and 502.3 verbatim and precludes a sign applicant from having to look up information in the Town Ordinances when reviewing the zoning ordinances.

3. Page 5-20, article 5.7.3.E, Non-Conforming Signs: In line 3 change "abandoned" to "discontinued (see article 2.2.18)". Abandoned is not defined anywhere. Discontinued is defined in article 2.2.18.

4. Page 5-27, article 5.7.7, Sign Ordinance for the Historic District-Commercial Zoning Districts: In the title change "Commercial" to "Non-Residential" to make the title consistent with the title of article 5.7.5.

B. Sylvia suggested the list should go to town counsel for review

C. John H. brought up the concern regarding ZBA review of natural resource issues and the concept that such cases should go Con Com or Planning Bd. First. Discussion of zoning regs vs site and sub regs among group. It was decided Kristen M. would research the topic to discuss at the next meeting.

D. Discussion on elderly/senior housing regs and possibly needing ours to be updated. Sylvia volunteered to research what other towns have for regulations and for the discussion to continue next meeting.

Next meeting of ZORC will be on Wednesday, Nov 30th at 8:15.