

## **OHAC - Owls Head Airport Committee - Meeting Minutes 02/09/23**

Members present:

Carson Courchaine  
Lauren Dillard  
Mike Keating  
Jeremy Shaw  
Lauren Swartzbaugh

2 Members of the public in attendance

1705 Meeting called to order

Motion to approve the OHAC 01/19/23 Meeting Minutes following discussion about whether transcriptions of meetings or 'condensed' Minutes should be on future agendas for approval. It was agreed that the Minutes to be approved would remain the condensed version, while the transcriptions, when available, would be accessible on the Town's website.

Vote to approve 01/19/23 Minutes was unanimous in favor

### **Old Business:**

- Discussion of ordinance parameters and how to maintain airport services / function in balance with and in proportion to the character of the Town. No action taken.

- 02/06 OHAC Update to Selectboard

Lauren S presented OHAC's recommendation to the Selectboard requesting an extension on the Moratorium. A motion was made at the meeting to extend its the motion failed 3-0. Selectboard voted to place the same question not the agenda for their 02/21 meeting. LS conveyed to the Committee that a Selectboard member mentioned she felt the town's ordinances being incompatible with the Comprehensive Plan was not a concrete reason to vote in support of an extension. (The Selectboard YouTube clip is online for reference to this comment.)

## **New Business:**

- Upcoming airport projects / future funding allocations and potential affects on the Town without a Moratorium continuance

LS asked Jeremy if the four projects cited in a recent Village Soup article (which would be receiving DOT funding over the next three years) would affect Owls Head. He explained they would not.

- Drafting language necessary to adequately address concerns and requirements as set forth in the Moratorium Ordinance

Mike suggested considering the inclusion of a 'certificate of occupancy' for hangars and airport businesses. It was discussed that this could perhaps be placed in the Performance Standards section of the Land Use ordinance.

Members discussed creating an inventory of airport components to possibly utilize this to limit expansion beyond current inventory, ie: limits to one or two maintenance facilities, A&P's commercially providing services from hangars, etc.

LS noted, in this context, 'commercially' to mean work provided on a 'for-profit' basis and hangar owners with A&P certificates maintaining their own aircraft.

Jeremy made a motion to establish a Certificate of Occupancy for all new structures and change of use for existing, permitted structures and seconded.

Motion made, seconded, and carried.  
Vote passed, unanimous in favor.

## **Other Business**

- 02/02 vote: additions / wording in Land Use Chart

LS asked about the inclusion of the Airport into the Land Use Chart, as referenced in the proposed ordinance draft, and how the Committee thought it should be indicated in the various districts within the chart.

MK, CC, and JS felt the Airport should be included in the Chart as 'No' in Rural Residential I & II and Rural Residential I & II Overlay areas and as allowed in Resource Protection and Commercial areas with a 'PB' notation (signifying with Planning Board approval).

JS mentioned the importance for the airport to be 'recognized'. LS asked what 'recognition' meant in this case. JS felt the airport should be acknowledged as an "identified use" and that the airport be "given a place to exist."

LS asked the committee for preference for next meeting - 03/02/23 was agreed upon, assuming town office availability.

1930 Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Swartzbaugh