

OHAC - Owls Head Airport Committee - Meeting Minutes 03/02/23
Town Hall

Members present:

Carson Courchaine
Mike Keating
Jeremy Shaw

1 Member of the public in attendance

1710 Meeting called to order

Motion made, seconded and carried to elect Carson Courchaine as chair, pro tem

Motion made to approve 02/09 meeting minutes

Discussion that the minutes presented seemed uncharacteristic of certain aspects of 02/09 discussions.

Jeremy recalls the conversation being centered around understanding airport growth was inevitable but that the Town wanted to have input and create a mechanism for people to come before the town, be it the Planning Board or Selectboard.

Motion made, seconded and carried to table approval of 02/09 minutes.

Old Business:

- Addition of Airport to the Land Use Chart

JS recollects the Committee wanted to add it to the Chart but also to create a certificate of occupancy (CO) to create 'a gate' for people to come before the PB and the Town - an avenue to approve the use of any new structure - or change of use of an existing structure if there was a change in function.

JS comments that other towns with airports that have been discussed have given the airport a place to exist and that the bigger part of the vision is regulating around that right to exist.

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

JS mentions that the work the Committee has done addresses everything. "It may not limit development, but gives a mechanism for the Town to provide input.

CC comments he feels a C.O would allow the Town to limit the number of commercial operators.

New Business:

- Inclusion of a certificate of occupancy and possible inclusion within the Performance Standards section fo the Land Use Ordinance

JS states any new C.O. has to be in the spirit of limiting the type of development to make it compatible with the Comp Plan.

MK says it would address the Moratorium

Discussion about the use of the term and use of the term 'Certificate of Occupancy'.

CC mentions that KRKD doesn't lend itself to filling in its potential operating space due to environmental reasons and that many residents don't see that. The committee has the opportunity to bridge that gap to instill greater confidence in the Town to control that situation.

JS says they should have input at least.

- Creating an Inventory of airport components to limit expansion beyond existing inventory

JS says he will report back to the Committee with current inventories.

Discussion on the different kinds of operator certifications ie: Part 121, 135 and 91 primarily operating at KRKD.

CC asks if one business owns more than one hangar, how that effect the C.O. ie: Could an operator expand an existing business to other buildings?

- How to implement a review gate

JS says he thinks the C.O. is the review gate and allows for the town's input which is what it requested.

MK suggests addressing the Planning Board regarding the C.O. and that it would contribute to the tools available to the Board.

Motion made, seconded and voted to request placement on the 03/13 PB agenda.

JS suggests that the committee's recommendations be incorporated into the ordinance prior to the upcoming vote on warrant articles I,II and III.

JS says the fastest way to incorporate everything is to get to a town meeting.

Presenting to the Planning Board and Selectboard and submit their recommendations to the Ordinance Review Committee for review and to incorporate it into what is being presented to the town.

CC feels they should have input from other committees.

Motion made, seconded, unanimous in favor.

- Acceptance of Lauren Dillard's letter of resignation

Motion made, seconded and carried to accept the letter (3-0)

- Other Business

Discussion about next meeting date changing from 03/16 to 03/23. CC is concerned there would not be a quorum on the 16th. The next meeting is scheduled for 03/23.

1816 Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Swartzbaugh