

Mount Vernon Ordinance Review Committee Meeting
Wednesday March 6, 2024
Mt. Vernon Town Library

Attended by: Susan Herman, Quimby Robinson, Heather Roberts, Ron Larue, Fred Webber, Michele Pino

With a quorum present, Heather Roberts called the meeting to order at 6:46 pm.

Reviewed February 7, 2024 minutes. Motion made by Heather Roberts to approve the minutes, seconded by Quimby Robinson. Motion approved 6-0.

Update by Heather regarding individual campsites. This will be considered at a regular town meeting.

Concerns from CEO

Appeals – Powers and Duties of the Board of appeals comments from the town attorney
The comments were minimal. She moved and reworded one paragraph. Motion made by Quimby Robinson to adopt the changes, seconded by Heather Roberts. Motion approved 6-0.
This will be added to the public hearing.

Public Hearing in April

Notices in KJ April 1st & April 8th

- Definition of Abutter
- Notice of Abutters for site plan review and appeals board
- 2023 Comments on LUO from DEP
- Scope of review of Appeals Board
- LD2003
- Individual Private campsites
- Three areas of concern from the CEO as noted below

CEO concerns – 2/2/24 memo from William Butler, CEO was reviewed and discussed.

Timber harvesting – the map should be in the LUO, on line as well as posted at the town office.
We have a shoreland zoning map to reference versus a water resources map that we are unfamiliar with and have been unable to locate one.

Village District – our current details within this district were approved by DEP and have not been identified by DEP as an issue.

Seasonal Docks – we are not recommending the addition of a footnote or any changes to seasonal docks as discussed 4/22/2022 on this committee and reported to the Select Board at that time.

Campgrounds – we do not see a conflict as site plan review would be required if there are multiple districts, based on the requirements of each district.

Solar Array Systems – we are not recommending any footnotes. This section exempts a CEO permit/building permit. Reference Appendix I-I. We will follow-up on this area as we felt it important that solar arrays be inspected. We will add this to our work next year.

Section 5.5A – We intentionally included more restrictive setbacks when we developed the ordinance.

Section 5.5B – we are the same as Readfield and recommend leaving it as is.

Recreational Business -Table 4-2 Row 48 in the rural district it should say planning Board note 16.

Recreational Facility – add to page 6-1 section 6B – Applicability – add to the list, Non-profit organizations or activities.

1. A CEO permit means a building permit. There is no reference in the LUO to a land use permit.
2. A BI permit is a building permit and our understanding is the CEO is the building inspector.
3. No.

Public hearing – mid April. Heather will provide the information for the public hearing. We are proposing April 17 at 6 pm. Heather will check with the Community Center. **In follow-up, the date for the public hearing will be April 24, 2024

Motion made by Heather Roberts to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Susan Herman. Motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Pino
Co-Secretary