

TOWN OF MOUNT VERNON ORDINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

MINUTES 10 18 2023 MEETING

Meeting called to order by Chair at 6:34 pm at the Community Center. Quorum present: Nona Boyink, Heather Roberts, Quimby Robinson, Susan Herman, Michelle Pino (attending by telephone)/

Minutes of September 20, 2023 .were summarized by Chair. Motion made by Nona Boyink to approve the minutes as drafted, second by Heather Roberts. Minutes approved. 5-0.

1. Ordinance Review. Heather Roberts reported that she attempted to attend the recent Select Board (“SB”) meeting via zoom as the SB was considering an update to the town General Assistance Ordinance. Heather was not able to participate in the meeting. In the future, Heather will be attending SB meetings in person. Heather will work with SB to get town ordinances properly posted on the town website. Sue Herman will resend the email relating to Mount Vernon ordinances that the SB should consider posting on the town website.
2. KVCOG Update. Heather also updated the ORC on the status of KVCOG’s review of the draft ordinance amendments related to LD 2003. The ORC drafts have been provided to the SB. The town will be receiving a contract from KVCOG. Once the contract has been signed, Heather will forward the ORC draft toe KVCOG.
3. Definition of Abutter. We reviewed the proposed definition of abutter circulated by Heather. Heather explained that the definition was “the owner of” an adjacent lot as that is already defined in the Mount Vernon LUO. Motion to approve the language as drafted made by Nona, seconded by Heather. Approved 5-0.
4. Notice to Abutters. Heather explained that there are multiple instances in the LUO where notice to abutters is referenced. We discussed changing the words “including neighbors” in the proposed language circulated by Heather to “and owners of.” This change needs to be reflected in the 6 instances in the LUO identified in the proposal as well as Sec 6(B)(1)(p) (Site Plan Review). Motion by Sue to approve the changes as written with the changes discussed, Nona seconded. Approved. 5-0. Heather will email CEO who brought the issue of notification of abutters and definition of abutter to the ORC.
5. Request to remove R9-L51 from Resource Protection. Discussed it a little last time. DEP requires the issue to be handled by town first. We reviewed maps and available documentation. Sue to scan and share copies of Freshwater Wetlands maps from 2009. Heather will call Aerial Survey and Photo. Heather will also talk with the CEO to see if he has historical shoreland zoning maps. We will discuss this further at the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn made by Sue, seconded by Nona at 7:45 p.m. Approved 5-0

NEXT MEETING 11/1/2023 at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Herman, Co-Secretary