MINUTES
ORDINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE
January 5, 2010

PRESENT: ORC Richard Remsen - Chairman
ORC Steve Smith, Vice-chairman
ORC Will Gartley
ORC Mark Ingraham
Select Board Liaison William Chapman
Planning Board John Alexander
Public - Alex Armentrout
Public - Molly Sholes
Planning Office - Tom Ford

Chairman Remsen opened the meeting at 7:09 a.m.

A. **REVIEW LUO E-911 ADDRESSING ORDINANCE:**

Mr. Ford reviewed the proposed minor adjustments to the stand alone Rockport E-911 Addressing Ordinance. The Committee discussed the difference between structures and dwellings in regards to naming and numbering a roadway. Mr. Ford pointed out that Pandion Lane has a web of driveways and private ways which need to be identified for emergency purposes. A stand alone business would not have a number.

Mr. Armentrout made the motion to recommend the changes as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ingraham and passed unanimously.

B. **REVIEW LUO SECTION 500 – Nonconformance:**

Mr. Ford noted that LUO Section 500 has not been updated since 1999. He pointed out a windshield survey shows approximately 70% of the properties between Cody's and the Market Basket do not meet the 75' setback and are non-conforming.

The current Section 500 is not clear and can be interpreted differently. Mr. Ford gave the example that Adventure Advertising appeared before the Planning Board three years apart. The Board (with different members) interpreted the ordinance differently.

Mr. Ingraham said two or more vacant parcels in the same ownership should be combined.

The Committee agreed to propose removing the following: "yard" from Section 502.1.1; "and maximum building coverage" from 502.1.b. and "total floor" from Section 502.1.c.

The Committee discussed volume, bulk, expansion in height, buildings and building impact within the setback area Mr. Ingraham questioned how to count the square footage if there is a 'jog' in the building

(Ms. Sainio left the meeting at 8:00 a.m. to work in the Finance Office)

NEXT MEETING

The next ORC meeting will be held on January 12th at 7:00 a.m. at the Town Office.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:15 a.m.