MINUTES
ORDINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE
February 15, 2011

PRESENT: ORC Chair Richard Remsen
ORC Steve Smith
ORC John Alexander
Planning Office - Tom Ford
Select Board Liaison William Chapman
Public: Alex Armentrout
ORC Mark Ingraham
ORC Will Gartley
ORC Doug Miller
Planning Office – Scott Bickford
Public Molly Sholes

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

A. REVIEW OF LUO SECTION 801.6 - Nuisance

Complaints have been received in the Planning Office regarding: barking dogs, roosters, generators, free range hens, music, etc. Mr. Bickford said it is sometimes difficult to address the types of complaints submitted to the Office.

The Committee prefers to leave the section "as is" but will revisit at the next meeting following review of the Falmouth "Nuisance" ordinance.

B. REVIEW OF LUO SECTION 600 - Administration

a. The wording "sewerage disposal system" will be replaced with "subsurface wastewater disposal system" in Section 600. The change will only affect sewerage. The wording will also be changed in the definitions section of the Land Use Ordinance.

b. Section 601.4. The Maine Building Codes has been repealed and the new version adopted on December 1, 2010. The new building codes, which affect towns with a population of more than 2000 residents, addresses an inspection process using six (6) different codes. Rockport must adopt the Maine Building Codes by 2012. Mr. Smith noted the State does not currently have funding for training inspectors.

   Building inspections can be done by either a Code Enforcement Officer or certified third party inspector. Mr. Bickford recommended issuing "a Certificate of Occupancy" with stipulations noted on it instead of a "Compliance Certificate." Certificates could then be submitted to the Fire Marshal's Office for approval.

c. Section 602.4 requires commercial construction and renovation projects with 3,000 s.f. or more requires State Fire Marshal approval before a Town permit can be issued.

d. The title will be change for Section 603.1.

e. Section 607.9 is not a clear paragraph. Mr. Armentrout suggested ascertaining is this section is part of the State Code.

f. Mr. Ford reviewed the upcoming work schedule for the Ordinance Review Committee.

NEXT MEETING

The next ORC meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 11, 2011 at 7:00 a.m. in the Richardson Room of the Town Office.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 a.m.