

Town of North Smithfield Ordinance Development Committee

May 10, 2012 7PM

Primrose Fire Station

Providence Pike, N. Smithfield, RI 02896

May Monthly Meeting

Minutes

- 1. The meeting was called to order at 7:15 by President Zwolenski**
- 2. Members present included Mr. Zwolenski, Mr. Puchetti, Dr. Benoit, Mr. Soares, Dr. Shumway, and Dr. Brennan.**
- 3. It was moved, seconded, discussed and unanimously passed to amend the minutes by addition as follows: Section 5.a.1, “It was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously, that after extensive discussion as to whether the language of the REA district was adequately reflected in the intent of the new RRC district, to change the name of the REA District to Residential Rural Conservation District [RRC]”. [Shumway/Soares] It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed to accept the Minutes as amended. [Shumway/Soares]**
- 4. Reports**
 - i. Mr. Zwolenski reported on the progress of several ordinances before the Town Council**
 - 1. The Parking and Loading Ordinance was found consistent with the**

Comprehensive Plan and is expected to have its first public hearing in July.

2. The Groundwater Aquifer Protection Overlay District Ordinance is before the Planning Board. Lorraine Joubert of URI's NEMO program is conducting an extensive study on the extent of impervious coverage currently in N.S.

a. On the advice of the Town Planner, the symbol for the North Smithfield Groundwater Aquifer Protection Overlay was considered. It was moved, seconded, discussed and unanimously passed to change the symbol for the District from GA district to GAP district. [Shumway/Zwolenski]

b. It was moved, seconded, discussed and unanimously passed to accept as the official name for this District and its associated map the North Smithfield Groundwater Aquifer Protection Overlay District. [Zwolenski/Pucetti]

c. It was moved, seconded, discussed and passed unanimously to amend the definition of the Groundwater Aquifer Protection Overlay District by addition as follows: "community well-head protection areas, and town-owned non-transient, non-community wellhead protection areas (schools)." [Shumway/Benoit]

3. The Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems Ordinance, OWTS, will be considered by the TC on May 22. Dr. Shumway and Scott Rabidoux and others continue to work on language for the ordinance balancing the interests of land development and protection of the natural water systems.

4. Mr. Zwolenski also reported on the 'Update' email for Town Planner Ericson of May 9.

a. It was moved, seconded, discussed and passed unanimously to change the order of business and to consider a response to the Planner. [Shumway/Benoit]

b. It was moved, seconded, discussed and passed unanimously to consider the new agenda item at this time. [Shumway/Benoit]

c. It was moved, seconded, discussed and passed unanimously to send formally to the President of the Town Council, the Town Administrator, and the Town Planner a request for more direct involvement of the Town Planner in the proceedings of this committee. [Shumway/Brennan]

5. Ordinance Development for discussion and action

a. It was moved seconded discussed and passed unanimously to accept the following definition of the intent of the Open Space District [OS]: The Open Space District [OS] shall include properties owned by the Town, State, or Federal Government that are presently used for public recreation or conservation purposes. It also includes quasi-public or privately owned land where development rights have been conveyed or for which there is reasonable expectation of long term use for open space, conservation or recreation, such as Audubon Society or Land Trust lands. Certain limited residential, recreational, agricultural and educational uses are permitted. The Town of North Kingston's ordinance was used as a model for the above.

b. District Use Regulations as defined by the Use Table for RRC, RR,

RS, RU, RV, PS, LC, M, OS was considered for section 3.4.1 It was moved, seconded, discussed, and passed unanimously to amend this section as defined in the Use Table ODC revision of May 10, 2012. The updated revision is attached to these minutes.

6. It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9 pm. Pucetti/Benoit.