

**BRUNSWICK ZONING ORDINANCE REWRITE COMMITTEE
PUBLIC DRAFT INTRODUCTION SESSION WITH THE CONSERVATION
COMMISSION, MARINE RESOURCE COMMITTEE, RECREATION COMMISSION
AND THE RIVERS & COASTAL WATERS COMMITTEE**

AUGUST 12, 2014

ZONING ORDINANCE REWRITE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Charlie Frizzle, Chair; Margaret Wilson, Vice Chair; Richard Visser, Anna Breinich, Director of Planning and Development; and Jeremy Doxsee, Town Planner

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Jason Coombs, Amanda Bunker, Steve Cohen, Doug Niven, Tom Rumpf, and Dan Ankeles

MARINE RESOURCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Dan Devereaux, Marine Resource Manager and Harbor Master

RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Dan Ankeles, and Tom Farrell, Director of Parks and Recreation.

RIVERS & COASTAL WATERS COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Sue Stableford, Bill Good, Doug Niven, and Mark Worthing

The Zoning Ordinance Rewrite Committee held the third in a series of focused meetings on Tuesday, August 12 at Town Council Chambers, 85 Union Street, designed to introduce various town boards, committees and commissions to the first draft of the proposed draft zoning ordinance. Tonight's meeting includes members of the Conservation Commission, Recreation Commission, Marine Resource Committee, and the Rivers & Coastal Waters Commission.

Ms. Breinich gave a brief presentation on the structure and major changes of the first draft of the proposed zoning ordinance, particularly the major changes affecting the committee and commissions present tonight. Ms. Breinich would welcome any comments, questions and suggestions from the committees and the public. Copies of comments are also given to the Zoning Ordinance Rewrite Committee and the consultant. The draft document is available online and at the Planning and Development Department office, and all of the presentations will be available online on the Town of Brunswick's website.

Ms. Wilson commented that the committee had tried to strengthen the Open Space provisions.

Ms. Wilson and Ms. Breinich briefly discussed density bonuses, which have been increased by 10% for open space development in rural areas. Ms. Breinich also discussed the Wildlife Protection Overlay.

Upcoming public forums were noted as follows:

September 24, 2014, 6:00 pm, Brunswick Junior High Gymnasium

October 1, 2014, 6:00 pm, SMCC Academic Building Auditorium

More geographically focused public forums will be scheduled in the next few weeks.

Mr. Frizzle wanted to point out that the former Coastal Protection-1 and Coastal Protection-2 have been renamed, but not changed in any way. They are now Rural Protection-1 and Rural Protection-2. There is one exception; what used to be called Farm and Forest 3, along the west side of the New Meadows River, is now part of Rural Protection-1 and has the same standards as Coastal Protection-1. Mr. Frizzle wanted to comment on all of the acronyms used for the overlay zones, as they have been commented on and questioned in previous meetings. They have not substantively changed any of the overlay zones, but a lot of them have been renamed. APO is the Aquifer Protection Overlay, with the same zones and requirements as before. SPO is the Shoreland Protection Overlay, or what used to be called the Natural Resource Protection Overlay. FPO is the Flood Protection Overlay, which has the same name. Wildlife Protection Overlay, which captures what used to come under Rural Brunswick Smart Growth Overlay. Mobile Home Park Overlay stays the same as it was. Airport Approach Overlay contains a minor wording change; this is the new name. The two telecommunications overlay zones have been combined into one overlay, which then goes on to describe both zones.

Mr. Visser mentioned that although there are a lot of footnotes, they are very helpful.

Ms. Breinich said that everything that was handed out tonight is available online as well, and there are two drafts available online; with or without footnotes.

Mr. Frizzle asked people to send comments to Ms. Breinich through any available method. Committee comments or individual comments are welcome. The next draft will come sometime in the October-November time frame, after the committee has had a chance to put the comments they have received together and get ready for the next draft.

Amanda Bunker had a question about conservation lands, and involving the Conservation Commission as early in the development review process as possible.

Jane Millett, Franklin Street, asked Mr. Farrell if the money coming from developers is not used for conservation and recreation lands, does the money go into a specified fund?

Mr. Farrell responded that the money goes into the Recreation Impact Fee Fund that's maintained by the Finance Department. Mr. Farrell explained the process.

Mr. Frizzle added that there is a new acceptance criteria built into the proposed ordinance that deals with conservation lands and stewardship.

Ms. Bunker replied that she thought that criteria should also apply to acceptance of land ownership to any land the town wants to take on conservation-wise.

Mr. Frizzle adjourned the meeting.

Attest

Debra Blum
Recording Secretary