

**Town of Mount Desert Planning Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
Meeting Room, Town Hall
6:00 PM, February 26, 2020**

Public Present:

Noel Musson, Stephanie Reece, Katrina Carter, Phil Lichtenstein

Board Members Present: Chair Bill Hanley, Tracy Loftus Keller, Joanne Eaton, Meredith Randolph, Christie Anastasia

Tracy Loftus Keller is an Alternate, non-voting member.

I. Call to order 6:00 p.m.

Chair Hanley called the Meeting to order at 6:04PM. Board Members were noted.

MS. RANDOLPH MOVED, WITH MS. EATON SECONDING, TO MAKE MS. LOFTUS KELLER A VOTING MEMBER FOR THE MEETING. MOTION APPROVED 4-0-1 (LOFTUS KELLER IN ABSTENTION).

II. Approval of Minutes

February 12, 2020: MS. RANDOLPH MOVED, WITH MS. EATON SECONDING, APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 12, 2020 MINUTES AS PRESENTED. MOTION APPROVED 5-0.

III. Public Hearing:

Land Use Zoning Ordinance, Sale of Food and Merchandise Ordinance, Official Land Use Map and Reorganization of the Town of Mount Desert Zoning Board of Appeals Amendments for the 2020 Town Meeting.

Ms. Eaton confirmed adequate Public Notice.

Board of Appeals Amendments have been tabled for further discussion with the Appeals Board.

Mr. Musson noted that at this juncture, the only item left to vote on was Section 6A6 General Performance Standards, Lighting. This proposed Ordinance Change was presented to the Town by the Sustainability Committee, and at the last meeting Lighting Engineer Dwight Lanpher explained the proposed changes.

Mr. Musson has had a chance to review the proposed changes, and the Draft Article presented to the Board reflects his suggestions. It was Mr. Musson's opinion that the Ordinance might benefit from another review next year; after a year's use the Board will probably have some recommended improvements.

Discussion ensued regarding the Ordinance. No light trespass, as previously stated in the Ordinance was changed, as no light trespass is impossible to achieve. Terminology has been added.

1 Recommended Best Practices have been added. They are recommendations from the Town, but
2 they are not requirements that can be enforced.

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4 MS. EATON MOVED, WITH MS. ANASTASIA SECONDING, RECOMMENDATION OF PASSAGE OF
5 PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE LIGHTING ORDINANCE, AS PRESENTED. MOTION APPROVED 5-0.

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7 Mr. Musson reminded the Board that LUZO Advisory Meetings have public notice, which allows the
8 Planning Board to attend.

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10 **IV. Other**

11 Ms. Anastasia noted that some Ordinances include the statement “to reflect the Town’s character”,
12 or words to that effect. It was noted these words refer back to the Comprehensive Plan, which will
13 soon require a review and update. Mr. Musson felt now was a good time to review the
14 Comprehensive Plan for an update.

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16 **V. Adjournment**

17 MS. EATON MOVED, WITH MS. RANDOLPH SECONDING, ADJOURNMENT. MOTION APPROVED 5-0.

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19 The meeting was adjourned at 6:20PM.