

11-21-2024 Meeting Minutes: Mayor's Ad-Hoc Bona Fide Committee

Meeting Information

- Date & Time: 2024-11-21 16:33:27
- Location: : Community Room, Auburn Hall 60 Court Street Auburn, ME.
- Attendees: Chris Carson, David Bell, David Griswold, Joe Gray, Barbara Mitchell, David Trask, John Cleveland and Philip Savignano, Absent: Amy Dieterich, Planning Staff: John Blais, Member of the Public: Steve Beale.

Meeting Minutes

1. Minute Approval, Natural Resource Review

- **Attendance and Approval of Minutes**
The meeting began with attendance and the approval of the previous meeting's minutes, which were accepted by the group.

Conclusion

1. Minutes were approved.

2. Land Use Planning and Environmental Compliance

- **Checklist and Ordinance Review**
The meeting focused on reviewing criteria and ordinances related to natural resource use covered by John Cleveland, Discussions included refining the natural resource uses to include items such as mining, sand and gravel extractions, and forestry activities.
- David Griswold touched on the forms for Forestry Management Plans that city staff could use for guidance.

Conclusion

1. The group agreed on language to clarify the natural resource use section and in the staff checklist.

3. Report Format and Compliance Measures Discussion

- A question was raised regarding the format of the committee's report to the Mayor and City Council.

- It was suggested and discussed that the report should include text additions to the ordinance in the format of ordinance text language.
- Staff agreed to speak with the City Manager's office to clarify the report format the Mayor and City Council want from the Ad-Hoc Committee.
- There was consensus regarding the criteria for the natural resource use Bona Fide section. Some committee members questioned if the committee's charge included compliance measures that were distributed.

Next Arrangements

[] Finalize and update the review criteria for each of the Bona Fide principal uses including farming, agriculture, recreation and natural resources in the narrative and bullet format pending further clarification regarding the preparation of review criteria in an ordinance text addition format. Staff will update the checklist documents.

[] Next Meeting is Thursday, December 5th at 5:30 PM in the Community Room.