

Mayor's MAG-ARP

Meeting Notes

10/11.18

Attendees:

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| Michael Chammings | mchammings@auburnmaine.gov |
| Peter Moore | pgmoore2009@gmail.com |
| Maurice Keene | |
| William Sylvester | wcs.forestry@gmail.com |
| Kathy Shaw | kath@valleyviewfarmme.com |
| Chris Carson | ccarson@compustours.com |
| Leroy Walker | |
| Belinda Gerry | bgerr@auburnmaine.gov |
| Alfreda Fournier | |
| Mayor Levesque | |

**absent from meeting – Holly Lasagna and Mark Tardif

Introductions were done

Mayor Levesque talked about effective with time consideration according to standards and not time. All outcomes will be mutually decided and agreed upon by committee. There will be no motions/seconds as this will be a free-flowing conversation. We are here to discuss and come up with alternative guidelines for the (1) 50 % Income rule and (2) 10 Acre minimum to build a home rule.

The goal is to agree on alternate guidelines, submit to Planning Board/Conservation Commission for recommendations for ordinance changes. Planning Board and Conservation Commission have no more than 60 day to meet, discuss and get additional public feedback and recommendations to consider and look at. MAG-ARP decides to adopt changes and then forwards to the City Council to take action on Ordinance and needs to have 2 public readings (and must pass both)

OPEN CONVERSATION

Peter Moore: We need to create economic activity and add vitality to the city. Keeping in mind we won't be able to contemplate everything to come. Have faith in the Government system. By removing some restrictions, we will begin to see what opportunities emerge.

Maurice Keene: Conservation Commission focuses on Natural Resources – Sunshine, Water, Land and Air. Protect, preserve and constructively utilize ag/forestry resources.

Bill Sylvester: Once things are changed, they are changed forever. Once development is done there is no going back to Ag/forestry.

Kathy Shaw: Not opposed to some sort of broadening of the rule but wants to be careful as she has seen big box stores taken over what used to be farm land. Just be cautious of the changes. Concerns are residents next to working farms (not always pretty and there is a smell to them)

Mayor Levesque: We are talking about the 50 % rule and the 10 Acre rule – not about development

Chris Carson: Wants to be clear on how we are looking at this. Are we looking to make decision from the city perspective or residents' perspective – who drives the decision.

Mayor Levesque said there is no concrete answer. We need to look at it from ALL standpoints.

GOALS for the MAG-ARP

Economic activity and growth

Fairness – to create fairness through modernizing our ordinances

Preserving tax structure on AG land and understanding taxes for all residents

AG Zone to be competitive with other ag zones in neighboring towns.

Produce a survey for the different zones (Peter, Chris and Alfreda)

Committee Request

Sewer/Water Map Overlay

Rules regarding development

New house building stats

Next Meeting to be held Thursday October 25, 2018 at 5:30AM