

**Town of Otisfield
Ordinance Committee Minutes
January 8, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm. The following members were in attendance—Lenny Adler, Jean Jalbert, Beth Damon, Maureen Purdy, Tanya Taft and Eric Bell. Tanya and Eric are new members of the committee and we're happy to have them join us. The minutes from November 13, 2008 were read and approved.

Lenny had a list of "to do" projects for our committee suggested by Marianne Morin.

1. Beach Ordinance – a No Smoking policy was suggested. Other ideas from committee members were: Moving the Porta Potty, Moving the parking area and creating "NO PARKING" areas. It was determined that enforcement of No Smoking areas was almost impossible. Jean said that he and his wife used to love the beach until it became too public and crowded. We now have adult gatekeepers. We suggest a designated smoking area away from the beach. Example: "No Smoking Beyond This Point." Changes to numbers 8 & 9 of the Ordinance regarding motor vehicles were also suggested.
2. Bid Policy – We need one. Right now bids over \$5,000 must be in writing and under \$5,000 can be done without bids. Lenny mentioned that many items are available under state bids. It is suggested that \$2,500-\$5,000 should have three (3) bids. Over \$5,000 should be advertised.
3. Animal Control Ordinance. We decided to look into other Towns' Dog Ordinances. We feel that barking over an hour is too long. Eric will bring Auburn's ordinance and he will also look into the question of who might have the authority to enforce the ordinance.

Revisions to Committee/Board Standards were read and discussed. Under the Attendance Heading - The absence of 4(3) could be questioned by committees that meet twice a week. We voted to accept the revisions and forward them to the Board of Selectmen.

Our next meeting will be February 12, 2009 – the 2nd Thursday of the month.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Maureen Purdy, Secretary
Otisfield Ordinance Committee