

Town of Otisfield
Ordinance Committee Minutes
March 12, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm. The following members were in attendance—Lenny Adler, Beth Damon, Stan Brett, Tanya Taft, Maureen Purdy and Eric Bell. The minutes from February 12, 2009 were read and approved.

Beth had the copies of the suggested Beach Control Ordinance with our suggested changes. Lenny said that there might be a State ordinance prohibiting smoking in all parks and beaches. We will have to wait and see what the State decides.

Shoreland Zoning is being updated by the State. The Floodplain Management Ordinance will be controlled by the Federal Government.

Lenny said the Selectmen want a policy written stating that CEO and Firemen DO NOT DO CHIMNEY INSPECTIONS after an Occupancy Certificate has been issued. They DO NOT DO WOODSTOVE INSPECTIONS. The liability is too great for the Town. Insurance companies are often demanding inspections. We should try to have a written policy before the next Selectmen's Meeting on March 18th.

There was discussion of the Cemetery Policy. Danny Peaco has written a policy that was passed around for us to read. There was also discussion about including the Federal Flood Plain definitions in our long list of definitions. We decided that including the Flood Plain definitions would be useful if we could change the font or use italics to distinguish between the Federal definition and ours.

We found a good statement from Turner about driveways that we would like to add to our Building Ordinance rather than create a new ordinance. Lenny mentioned again that we need written requests from the Planning Board and the Selectmen before we can work on new ordinances or changes to existing ordinances.

Lenny mentioned a Sand Use Policy. Right now the residents can use the sand for personal use without charge. Salt is now available only for the Road Department. We need to type out a policy for bidding. There is an ordinance about bidding that was voted on at Town Meeting. Five Thousand and above has to go out to bid. We are adding that \$2,500 to \$4,999 needs three (3) prices. Amounts under that are left to the discretion of the Departments. Maureen will write up Policies for Sand Use and Bidding for delivery to the Selectmen.

Our next meeting will be the second Thursday, April 9th, 2009.

Respectfully Submitted,
Maureen Purdy, Secretary
Otisfield Ordinance Committee