

Minutes

Sorrento Planning Board: Hybrid

January 4 2024

Respectively Submitted: Katharine F. Wellman

1. Meeting called to order: Tom Bailey 5:00 pm
2. Members present: Tom Bailey, Mike Gurtler, Trina Wellman, Beth Clark; Members absent: Bob Worrell, Dan Biermen; Others: Diana Gazis.
3. Mike Gurtler provided explanations of draft Housing Opportunity Program LUO Changes for the town of Sorrento. This included Section 9: Structure/Location (Minimum Lot Size, Density Bonus, and Accessory Dwelling Units) and Definitions.

Language regarding affordable housing was not included as it does not pertain to Sorrento as Town has no zoning laws.

Recreational vehicles were added in Definitions noting they are not considered a dwelling as per State language.

The purpose of this Draft Language is to protect the Town from litigation and state clearly that an accessory dwelling is not intended to be an eligible short-term rental.

This legislation allows for growth in Town housing.

Tom Bailey moved to present the draft language to the Selectboard on January 17th, Beth Clark seconded. Approved.

4. Next steps
 - Get feedback from Dan and Bob
 - Get draft in front of Select Board January 17, 2024
 - Public Hearing – Mike will speak
 - Get on June Annual Meeting Warrant
 - Town vote
5. October Meeting Minutes were approved.

6. Next meeting February 1, 2024. It was moved and approved to move the meeting time from 5:00 to 6:00 pm.
7. Meetings going forward will be hybrid with a standing link
8. Note was made to follow Maine State protocol that notification of time change and zoom information will be made public.
9. Meeting adjourned 5:55 pm