

LAND USE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Purpose:

The purpose of the Land Use Ordinance Committee shall be to develop specific proposals for amendments to the town's land use ordinance (Chapter 140) and other related ordinances as needed, consistent with federal and state law, Windham's comprehensive plan, and direction of the Town Council.

Membership:

The Committee shall be composed of five (5) members; one (1) member from and appointed by the Town Council; one (1) member each from the Planning Board and Board of Appeals to be appointed by their respective boards; and two (2) citizen representatives not currently serving on the Town Council, Planning Board, or Board of Appeals to be appointed by the Town Council.

Members appointed from the Town Council, Planning Board, and Board of Appeals shall serve for the balance of their terms on those respective boards or until a successor is appointed, whichever comes first. Citizen members shall serve for staggered terms of three (3) years, and may apply for reappointment thereafter.

The Town Manager shall designate appropriate staff and consultants to provide support to the committee.

Meetings and Procedures:

The Committee shall select a Chairman from its membership. The Chairman shall have the authority to convene meetings of the Committee, which shall be conducted in accordance with Maine's Freedom of Access law (1 MRSA § 401 et seq.), with due notice to the members. The Committee shall adopt such other reasonable rules of procedure as may be necessary for the efficient conduct of its business while allowing for public accountability and due process.

The Committee shall serve at the pleasure of the Town Council.

Charge:

It shall be the responsibility of the Committee:

1. to draft changes to the current Land Use Ordinance (Chapter 140) and other related ordinances as needed, consistent with federal and state law, Windham's comprehensive plan, and the direction of the Town Council,
2. to report periodically to the Council regarding its progress, issues, and problems,
3. to submit proposals and recommendations to the Council or Planning Board, as appropriate, regarding ordinance amendments, and
4. to undertake such other related tasks as the Council may assign.

Order 09-172, November 24, 2009. Committee established.

Order 11-001, January 11, 2011. Amended term limit.