

Minutes of the Damariscotta Land Use Advisory Committee (LUAC)

4:30 - 6:00 pm July 8, 2019

In Attendance : Bruce Rockwood, Haas Tobey, Ann Jackson, Ann Pinkham,

1. Review of draft agenda, approved .
2. Review of June 24, 2019 LUAC minutes, approved .
3. With only 4 members of the committee able to be present we held an abbreviated meeting. **Please note that we will meet again on July 22, 2019 @ 4:30.**
4. We reviewed and discussed the list of potential conditional or permitted uses for the Land Use Ordinance distributed by Bob Faunce. We have a number of questions about how to proceed. We wonder if the Use Table should include the frequency or number of permitted uses in an area? Are there any exclusions ? Would a use be excluded if it is not listed as Conditional or Permitted? Please make sure to review the list for our next meeting.
5. We did not go over the Historic Preservation Ordinance because we were such a small group, but agree that finishing it is our first priority. Please make sure to read comments made by Bob Faunce and Matt Lutkus to discuss draft # 16 at our next meeting so we can share it with the Planning Board and other stakeholders.
6. Jenny Begin was not here to report on characteristics of “family friendly” neighborhoods, but will at our next meeting. Ann Jackson attached some similar ideas and sent out an article about Neighborhood Conservation Districts and Neighborhood Planning Models that might give some direction in looking at how to preserve Damariscotta’s residential neighborhoods.
7. Haas sent us each a revised agenda for the 7/8/2019 meeting. Those items will be included in the agenda for 7/22/2019. They include looking at where we have come in the last 18 months, setting priorities and a schedule for the coming year, completing By-Laws, electing officers and recruiting new members to make sure all constituencies are represented.

Next meetings : Monday July 22, 2019 4:30 - 6:00

Monday August 12, 2019 4:30 - 6:00

Further dates to be determined at our next meeting.

Attachment: List of Characteristics of Family Friendly Neighborhoods

Characteristics of Quality/Family Friendly Neighborhoods

1. Neighborhoods have a Gateway / “Front Door” to a residential neighborhood - Ex. “Welcome to the Church Street Area/Bristol Road Neighborhood” signs...
2. Architectural diversity & homes that “address the street”
3. Low, safe **enforced** speed limits
4. Absence of big box trucks
5. Pride in ownership, no abandoned homes, maintained homes and lawns
6. Walkability
7. Tree lined streets
8. Safe places for kids to play and ride bikes
9. Extended sidewalks that are in good repair
10. Neighbors that know each other, there is a collective efficacy-people willing to help each other
11. Mixed use, but with limited amount of family friendly/low impact businesses
12. **Not used as “cut through” streets to avoid traffic or lights**
13. Use Neighborhood Planning Model-Neighborhood Conservation Districts
14. **Character of the neighborhood is important and respected- people know the history of the neighborhood- Ex. oldest house, original settlers...**
15. Investment/property value is secure