**Ordinance Review Committee**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Monday August 18, 2025**

**1. Call the meeting to order**- Chair Willis called the meeting to order at 5pm.

**2. Roll Call**- Doug Baston, Debby Willis, Pat Hart, Rusty Greenleaf, Clare Marron, Grainne Shaw, Kris McNeill. Lisa St. Hilaire was unable to attend.

**3. Review of minutes from July 21, 2025**. Rusty Greenleaf moved to accept the minutes as presented. Pat Hart seconded the motion. No further discussion. All members present, in favor.

**4. Data Storage/Battery Energy Storage-** Pat Hart moves to accept the changes and to send revised version to Planning Board. Rusty Greenleaf seconded the motion. No further discussion. All members present in favor.

**5. Use of City Parks-**Grainne presented a draft that was developed using areas municipality ordinances**.** There have been lots of comments, questions, and complaints about how city parks get utilized. These changes will become part of City Code when completed. Committee members decided to review each park, individually as each will have its own standards. They started with the Waterfront Park. There are events that happen regularly at the Waterfront, which include the weekly summer car shows, the Johnson Hall Friday Night concerts, Ritual Market, etc. All these events require an event permit, and all go before City Council for review/approval. No event can be allowed to close off the park, completely- no exclusive access. Private Events need to use a specific area of the park, have a specified time limit, and cannot block the public. The committee discussed possible fees, and what time the event would need to be over. Grainne will work on this and have an updated draft for the next meeting.

The Common/ Brunswick Square- This park lies in a highly dense residential neighborhood. Playground- need to block off common on prom homecoming days. The group decided that there would be no amplified music-unless previously approved by the city, and that 8pm is a reasonable time for events to end. The group discussed possible fees for events in the park, such as weddings. Grainne will work on this and bring to the next meeting. Committee members agreed that Robert Abbey should be invited to the next meeting.

**6. Derelict Buildings-** Committee members would like to review this further with Kris.

**7. Other-** There was a discussion on adding dispensary back to LUO use chart. There was also discussion about the LD1829 changes and how best to approach them.

**8. Adjourn-** Rusty Greenleaf moved to adjourn at 6:27pm. Pat Hart seconded the motion. No further discussion. All members present in favor.