Ordinance Review Committee Meeting, August 14, 2019, 6:00 pm

Lot Size

The petition increased the minimum lot size from 75,000 square feet to 80,000 square feet. While there was some discussion of going to the state size (tidal – 30,000, non-tidal – 40,000) or staying the same, there was general agreement to support the petition.

Frontage

The petition keeps the Bremen minimum, which is 300 feet for both tidal and non-tidal which is in Bremen’s current ordinance. The state is at 150 feet for tidal and 200 feet for non-tidal. After discussion, it was again generally agreed to support the petition.

It was suggested by Wendy that we consider allowing, in the tidal area, a smaller lot size and frontage (following the state 30,000 square feet lot size) and 100 or 150 feet (state frontage). This would be to allow fishermen access to the water and would not allow any dwellings. There wasn’t any expressed resistance at the time.

Setbacks

As expected, this created a lot of discussion. The petition requests going with the state, which is 75 feet for tidal, streams and wetlands, and 100 feet for non-tidal. The Bremen ordinance is 150 feet for tidal, non-tidal, and wetlands, and 75 feet for streams. In both Bremen and the state, in the Commercial Maritime Fishing district there are no setbacks. The discussion centered on impermeable surfaces and controlling erosion. Steve Wallace has offered a compromise, and he and Jack Mohr are going to work on a possible compromise.

There was no real discussion about pesticides and fertilizers, although there was expressed interest in seeing some language to consider.

**Next meeting: August 28, 2019, 6:00 pm**

Agenda

Lot Size, check on previous agreement

Frontage, check on previous agreement

Setbacks

Pesticides and fertilizers

Other

Hope to see you there.

Best,

Ordinance Review Committee (Wendy Pieh, Harold Schramm, Walter Voskian)