NORTHSTAR PLANNING

MEMORANDUM

TO: Lisbon Planning Board

CC: Mark Stambach, Code Enforcement Officer

From: Kate Burch, Planner, North Star Planning

RE: Ordinance Conflict: Appeals Process – Sec. 70 Ordinance Changes

Date: June 3, 2024

Overview

An inconsistency within the Zoning Ordinance related to the Town's Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) jurisdiction was identified earlier this year and communicated to North Star Planning (NSP) staff. This inconsistency is as follows:

Section 70-614.(h)(3) of the Zoning Ordinance notes that any alleged code enforcement violator may appeal the code enforcement officer's decision to the ZBA. The appeal shall be in accordance with Section 70-120.(a) in the Zoning Ordinance.

However, Section 70-120 in the Zoning Ordinance states, "administrative appeals shall not include enforcement decisions by the codes enforcement officer or the failure to provide for enforcement." This directly contradicts Section 70-614.(h)(3).

Recommended Changes

Section 70-120.(a) – Administrative Appeals

To hear and decide appeals within 30 days, where it has been alleged that there is an error in any interpretation, determination, order, requirement or decision made by the codes enforcement officer or a failure to act by the codes enforcement officer or in any other administrative matter involving the codes enforcement officer in the administration of any applicable land use or building related ordinances of the Town of Lisbon. ~~Administrative appeals shall not include enforcement decisions by the codes enforcement officer or the failure to provide for enforcement.~~ In acting on administrative appeals, the zoning board of appeals may sustain the action or inaction of the codes enforcement officer or may modify or reverse his or her action if the zoning board of appeals decides that the codes enforcement officer was in error.