

PLANNING BOARD - TOWN OF MACHIAS

MAY 4, 2016

This meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by members of the Machias Planning Board. In attendance were Board members Joe Gurney, Arthur McCurdy, and alternate member Julie Barker; Secretary Cathy Lord; Terry Bellows, James Whalen, Terry Turner, Steven Blake, Jeremy Look.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING CHAIRMAN

On a motion by Arthur McCurdy, seconded by Julie Barker, the Board

VOTED:

To appoint Joe Gurney as Acting Chairman for this meeting.

2. MINUTES - REVIEW AND ACTION

On a motion by Arthur McCurdy, seconded by Joe Gurney, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2016 Board meeting.

3. BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATIONS - REVIEW AND ACTION

A. The Board reviewed a building permit application submitted by Allen Devericks for the construction of a 24X28 foot garage to be located at 385 Kennebec Road. The Board reviewed the application's site plan.

On a motion by Arthur McCurdy, seconded by Julie Barker, the Board

VOTED:

To approve a building permit application submitted by Allen Devericks for the construction of a 24X28 foot garage to a lot located at 385 Kennebec Road.

B. The Board reviewed a building permit application submitted by Maine Fiber Company for the installation of a prefabricated equipment shelter to a lot located at 291 Main Street. Mr. Terry Turner, agent for Maine Fiber Company, discussed the building application with the Board.

On a motion by Arthur McCurdy, seconded by Julie Barker, the Board

VOTED:

To approve a building permit application submitted by Maine Fiber Company for the installation of a prefabricated equipment shelter to a lot located at 291 Main Street.

C. The Board reviewed a building permit application submitted by Downeast Community Hospital and its agent, BH2M Engineers of Gorham, Maine for a 5,500 square foot building expansion and renovation of the hospital's emergency department, renovations to the existing building, and site plan modifications to help improve vehicular circulation for visitors and emergency vehicles. Mr. Steve Blake, Project Engineer, advised the Board that the hospital hopes to start construction around late June/early July of this year and the time frame for the project is approximately one and a half years.

On a motion by Arthur McCurdy, seconded by Julie Barker, the Board

VOTED:

To approve a building permit application submitted by Downeast Community Hospital for a 5,600 foot building expansion of the hospital's emergency department located at 11 Hospital Drive.

D. The Board reviewed a building permit application submitted by Edwin and Terry Bellows for an 18X17'6" foot home addition which includes a home office, a pantry, and a hall connecting to a 28X36 foot garage at 6 Drisko Street. Mr. Bellows asked the Board to grant a variance on one of the side setbacks which does not meet the fifteen foot side setback requirements of the town's ordinance; he explained that from the corner of the proposed new addition to one of the side setbacks there is a setback distance of ten feet five inches. Mr. Bellows advised the Board that he discussed the setback dimensions with the abutting property owners; he presented letters from his neighbors giving their consent to build the addition closer than fifteen feet to their property line. The Board reviewed the site plan and the supporting documents.

On a motion by Arthur McCurdy, seconded by Julie Barker, the Board

VOTED:

To approve a building permit application submitted by Edwin and Terry Bellows for an 18X17'6" foot home addition to a home located at 6 Drisko Street and to grant a variance on one of the side setback dimensions to measure 10 feet 5 inches from the property line.

On a motion by Arthur McCurdy, seconded by Julie Barker, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 PM.