

PLANNING BOARD - TOWN OF MACHIAS

FEBRUARY 7, 2024

This meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Harry Flower. In attendance were Board members James Jackson, Ryle Mortland, and Andrew Mulholland (Alternate); Town Manager Bill Kitchen; Secretary Cathy Lord.

Review of Shoreline Zoning Ordinance/Building Ordinance

The Board conducted a review of the Machias shoreline zoning ordinance. The Board discussed coming to a consensus of understanding of the basics of the ordinances in Machias. Mr. Mulholland pointed out that there are a lot of state rules to guide the Board in their decisions. He noted the need to at least enforce what the Town has in place and to seek advice from other officials. Mr. Kitchen reviewed a letter from the State of Maine giving formal approval of the Machias zoning ordinance along with recommended changes to the ordinance.

The Board reviewed the Machias building ordinance along with the trailer park ordinance.

Next meeting:

- 1) Continue review of basic building permit and discuss research into permits of other local towns such as Machiasport, Addison, and Milbridge
- 2) Continue review of shoreland zoning ordinance

On a motion by Jim Jackson, seconded by Andrew Mulholland, the Board voted to adjourn at 7:45 PM.