

PLANNING BOARD - TOWN OF MACHIAS

APRIL 4, 2018

This meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Bill Thompson. In attendance were Board members Ed Pellon, Joe Gurney, and Arthur McCurdy; Secretary Cathy Lord; Ellen Farnsworth, Don Green, Ruth Beal, Jesse Davis, Randy Davis, Bob Gashlin, Ivy Bagoy, Sylvia Pouliot, Bob Berta.

1. MINUTES - REVIEW AND ACTION

On a motion by Arthur McCurdy, seconded by Joe Gurney, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2018 Board meeting.

2. BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATIONS - REVIEW AND ACTION

A. The members of the Board reviewed a building permit application submitted by Ivy Bagoy for the location of a mobile home to a lot located at 27 Harwood Street.

On a motion by Joe Gurney, seconded by Arthur McCurdy, the Board
VOTED:

To approve a building permit application submitted by Ivy Bagoy for the location of a mobile home to a lot located at 27 Harwood Street.

B. The members of the Board reviewed a building permit application submitted by the Centre Street Congregational Church for the location of a 12X28 foot prefabricated storage shed to the church's lot located at 9 Center Street. Mr. Thompson asked for clarification on the setbacks of the shed. Spokespeople Ellen Farnsworth and Don Green discussed the site plan with the Board and documented the fifteen foot setback from the abutting property owner on the site plan.

On a motion by Joe Gurney, seconded by Ed Pellon, the Board
VOTED:

To approve a building permit application submitted by the Centre Street Congregational Church for the location of a prefabricated storage shed to a lot located at 9 Center Street.

C. The Board reviewed a building permit application submitted by Jean Jenkins for the construction of a two car garage to a lot located at 48 Cooper Street.

On a motion by Joe Gurney, seconded by Arthur McCurdy, the Board
VOTED:

To approve a building permit application submitted by Jean Jenkins for construction of a two-car garage to a lot located at 48 Cooper Street.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Mr. Jessie Davis, representing the Machias Water Company, advised the Board of plans to place an eight inch waterline on lower Court Street. Mr. Davis advised the Board that the water company is now seeking to stay in the MDOT right-of-way and that the work will start on the project as soon as all needed permits are secured. Mr. Davis told the Board that he estimates the work will take ten days to complete and that the project contractor will be Hansom's Construction. He noted that the project will adhere to all MDOT standards. Members of the Board requested that Mr. Davis keep the Board updated on the project and make the Board aware of any questions and/or concerns.

B. The Board discussed plans by U.S. Cellular to erect a telecommunications tower on North Street. Members of the Board noted that many, many Machias residents are concerned that U.S. Cellular is planning to place a cell tower on North Street. Mr. Thompson pointed out that Machias does not have an ordinance addressing cell towers. The placement of a cell tower in the middle of residential Machias was discussed at length.

On a motion by Arthur McCurdy, seconded by Ed Pellon, the Board
VOTED:

That the Machias Planning Board does not support placement of a 100 foot cell tower on a lot located on North Street.

Mr. McCurdy suggested that the company should consider an alternate location for the placement of the tower.

On a motion by Joe Gurney, seconded by Arthur McCurdy, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM.