

Machias Planning Board
Wednesday, May 6, 2026
Machias Tele-Business Building

Present: Board members Harry Flowers, Jim Jackson, Arthur McCurdy, Andrew Mulholland; Paul Sylvain of the MVNO; Recording Secretary Sharon Mack; Applicants Marc Contard, Jason Kehrer of Sunrise Eye Care, and James Jackson and Joseph Dowling of the Machias Historical Society.

On a motion by James Jackson, second by Arthur McCurdy, the board **VOTED** to open the meeting at 5 p.m.

On a motion by Arthur McCurdy, second by James Jackson, the board **VOTED** to accept the minutes of April 1, 2026 as presented.

PERMITS:

1. Marc Contard - Marc presented a plan for a 24' x 40' addition at 50 Hudson Blvd. The board went through the checklist. On a motion by Andrew Mulholland, second by James Jackson, the board

VOTED to approve the building permit for 50 Hudson Blvd - Marc Contard.

2. Machias Historical Society- Block House - Liberty Village, East Kennebec Road – James Jackson recused himself from voting, and along with Joseph Dowling represented the Machias Historical Society's permit application for a 16' x 16' block house replica of Fort Foster. Liberty Village will be constructed as an educational and historical location and will eventually have a series of buildings, including a spring house, meeting house, blacksmith shop and visitors' center. Joseph Dowling assured the board that visibility at the village's entrance is sufficient. He said there will be parking for 100 cars, and porta potties will initially be used. Once the village is opened to the public, permanent bathrooms will be installed, and a separate application will come to the board. On a motion by Andrew Mulholland, second by Arthur McCurdy, the board

VOTED to approve the Machias Historical Society - Liberty Village application for construction of a block house.

3. Machias Historical Society - storage building -Liberty Village, East Kennebec Road. James Jackson recused himself from voting and explained the metal building would be used to store tools and a workshop. It would have electricity. On a motion by Andrew Mulholland, second by Arthur McCurdy, the board

VOTED to approve the Machias Historical Society – Liberty Village installation of a metal storage building.

4. Sunrise Eye Care - 19 Court Street. Jason Kehrer presented an application to raze the existing structure and replace it with a two-story new construction building. The new building would be within the same footprint as the original building. On a motion by Andrew Mulholland, second by James Jackson, the board

VOTED to approve the application for a new building at Sunrise Eye Care on the existing footprint of the previous building.

OTHER:

Andrew Mulholland informed the board that he had been approached by Seth Kilton regarding the permitting process to convert the former Lutheran Church on North Street to two apartments with a storage unit at the rear. Andrew Mulholland advised Seth Kilton to come before the full board for more information or when he is ready to submit a formal application.

ADJOURN: On a motion by James Jackson, second by Andrew McCurdy, the board

VOTED to adjourn at 5:31 p.m.