

**Machias Planning Board**  
**Wednesday, June 4, 2025**  
**Machias Tele-Business Building**

Present: James Jackson, Arthur McCurdy and Andrew Mulholland, Code Enforcement Officer Betsy Fitzgerald, and Recording Secretary Sharon Mack.

In Chairman Harry Flower's absence, Andy Mulholland called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Motion by Jim Jackson, second by Arthur McCurdy, the board **VOTED** to open the meeting.

**Approve Minutes** - Motion by Jim Jackson, second by Arthur McCurdy the board **VOTED** to accept the May 7, 2025 meeting minutes.

**Building Permit Applications -**

A. Steven Davis, expansion M001 L062A of existing residence, CEO approved, the board, on a motion by Jim Jackson, second by Arthur McCurdy, the board

**VOTED** to approve the application.

B. Thomas Cooney, storage barn on Holway Point M02A L005, CEO approved, the board, on a motion by McCurdy, second by Jackson, the board

**VOTED** to approve the application. Andrew Mulholland did caution Thomas Cooney, that his barn could easily be turned into a dwelling and that would require an additional permit.

C. Cynthia McGovern, expansion of garage for storage on Court Street M007 L036-C, CEO approved, on a motion by Arthur McCurdy, second by Jim Jackson, the board

**VOTED** to approve the application.

D. Machias Memorial High School, a storage shed with video loft between the dugouts on the baseball field M013 L014, on a motion by Arthur McCurdy, second by Jim Jackson, the board

**VOTED** to approve the application.

**Other** - A consent agreement with SFS Development regarding an after-the-fact building permit was cancelled because discussions with the parties involved have not been completed.

**Review Ordinances** - A discussion was held regarding proposed ordinances: solar farms, wind farms and building permits. Arthur McCurdy stressed that the board needed to know what the state and federal regulations were before they could proceed. Knowing what the town could do and not do is key, Andrew Mulholland said. He said he has reached out to the town's attorney and the Maine Municipal Association and a meeting with the attorney will be scheduled for the same time as the postponed consent agreement action. Betsy Fitzgerald said the board should take a look at Accessory Dwelling Unit (tiny house) regulations recently adopted in Jonesport to have a base for updating the building permits.

**Adjourn** - On a motion by Arthur McCurdy, second by Jim Jackson, at 6:48 p.m. the board **VOTED** to adjourn.