

PLANNING BOARD - TOWN OF MACHIAS

OCTOBER 2, 2019

This meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Bill Thompson. In attendance were Board members Ed Pellon, Glenn Davis, David Barker, and Arthur McCurdy; Secretary Cathy Lord; Code Enforcement Officer Betsy Fitzgerald; Town Manager Christina Therrien; Robert MacLeod, David Bell, Todd Rich, Bob Berta.

1. MINUTES - REVIEW AND ACTION

On a motion by Arthur McCurdy, seconded by Glenn Davis, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the September 4, 2019 Board meeting.

2. REVIEW OF BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATIONS

A. The Board reviewed a building permit application submitted by Dakota Robinson for the location of a mobile home at a Machias trailer park located at 5 JD Lane.

On a motion by Ed Pellon, seconded by Glenn Davis, the Board
VOTED:

To approve a building permit application submitted by Dakota Robinson for the location of a mobile home to a lot located at 5 JD Lane (mobile home park).

B. The Board reviewed a building permit application submitted by Robert MacLeod (builder) on behalf of Carol Christianson (owner) for construction of a single family home to be located at 80 Holway Point Road (East Kennebec Road). Code Enforcement Officer Betsy Fitzgerald advised the Board that she had visited the site and looked at the proposed construction plans. She informed the members of the Board that based on the site plan and information provided to the Board that the front setback on the new construction will be approximately 205 feet and that the setback on the right of the property will be 200 feet; she noted that based on the dimensions outlined on the building site plan that the proposed construction more than meets the stipulations of the setback requirements for shoreline zoning.

On a motion by Ed Pellon, seconded by David Barker, the Board
VOTED:

To approve a building permit application submitted by Robert MacLeod as the builder on behalf of the owner of the property, Carol Christianson, for the construction of a single family home on a lot located at 80 Holway Point Road (East Kennebec Road).

3. COMMUNICATIONS TOWER BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION

The members of the Board reviewed a permit application submitted by Rising Tide Towers LLC for the placement of a 190 foot communications tower in the Machias Industrial Park (Map 6A Lot 14). Mr. Todd Rich, vice president of Rising Tide Towers LLC, told the Board that the construction plans meet the guidelines set forth by the Town of Machias communications tower ordinance. Ms. Fitzgerald advised the Board that she has inspected the construction site and found the applicant in compliance with the town's ordinance. Mr. Rich told the Board that he has applied for all FCC licensure and that he

is working with other communication companies regarding shared usage of the tower. He noted that the FAA has determined that there is no requirement that the tower be lit. Mr. Rich told the Board that the goal is to complete the placement of the tower by Christmas 2019.

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

To approve a permit application submitted by Rising Tide Towers LLC for placement of a 190 foot communications tower in the Machias Industrial Park (Map 6A Lot 14).

4. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. David Bell, representing Maine Wild Blueberry Company, advised the Board that there have been changes to plans regarding the renovation of a building located in the Machias Industrial Park (51 Stackpole Road). He explained that Maine Wild is now purchasing the building (former Bayview building) and will be performing the renovations needed to convert the building into housing units for workers. Mr. Thompson noted that since there is a new owner of the property that the new owner needs to submit a permit to do the renovation work. Mr. Bell said that he will submit a building permit for the planned renovations to the building.

On a motion by David Barker, seconded by Glenn Davis, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 PM.