

PLANNING BOARD - TOWN OF MACHIAS

NOVEMBER 6, 2019

This meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Bill Thompson. In attendance were Board members Ed Pellon, David Barker, and Arthur McCurdy; Secretary Cathy Lord; Bruce Smith; David Bell, John Archibald, Carolyn Archibald.

1. MINUTES - REVIEW AND ACTION

On a motion by Ed Pellon, seconded by Arthur McCurdy, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2019 Board meeting.

2. REVIEW OF BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATIONS

A. The Board reviewed a building permit application submitted by John & Carolyn Archibald for the construction of a single family residence to be located at 7 Dupont Lane.

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

To approve a building permit application submitted by John & Carolyn Archibald for the construction of a single family home at 7 Dupont Lane.

B. The Board reviewed a building permit application submitted by Cherryfield Foods LLC to convert an existing building located at 51 Stackpole Road (Machias Industrial Park) into housing for migrant workers. Mr. David Bell, representing Cherryfield Foods, explained the company's plans for the building and he noted that the company plans to convert the building into housing for temporary workers.

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

To approve a building permit application submitted by Cherryfield Foods LLC to convert an existing building located at 51 Stackpole Road into housing for migrant workers.

C. Mr. Thompson reviewed a letter received from Paula Johnson-Rolfe (dated 9/23/19) requesting a revision to the building permit issued to her at the Board's 8/7/19 meeting. He advised the Board that Ms. Rolfe is requesting that the size of the building has been changed to a 20X32 foot building.

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

To approve a revision to Paula Johnson-Rolfe's building permit (approved at the 8/7/19 Board meeting) changing the size of the building to 20X32 feet.

D. The Board reviewed a building permit application submitted by Mary Hill for the construction of a 10X20 foot wood shed at a lot located at 215 Kennebec Road. It was noted that Ms. Hill's site plan does not show the setbacks of the building. The Board discussed how to proceed after Mr. Thompson attempted to call the applicant by phone during the meeting. The Board agreed to approve the permit contingent upon the applicant documenting the setback information on the site plan.

On a motion by Arthur McCurdy, seconded by Ed Pellon, the Board
To approve a building permit applicant submitted by Mary Hill contingent on the applicant adding the setback information to the site plan for construction of a 10X20 foot wood shed to a lot located at 215 Kennebec Road.

E. The Board reviewed a building permit application submitted by Breanna Look for construction of a 10X10 foot utility shed to a lot located at 402 Kennebec Road. Mr. Thompson noted that the site plan does not show setbacks as required by the town's ordinance. Mr. Thompson called the applicant by phone at the meeting and explained to her the missing information and asked that she come to the Machias Town Office and add the required information. Ms. Look said that she would do this.

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

To approve a building permit application submitted by Breanna Look for the construction of a 10X10 Foot utility shed to be located at 402 Kennebec Road contingent upon the applicant documenting the setbacks on the site plan.

3. ADOPTION OF REVISION TO SHORELAND ZONING ORDINANCE

Mr. Thompson explained that the Code Enforcement Officer had recommended that the Board consider amending the town's shoreline zoning ordinance to reflect the current statewide timber harvesting standards adopted as appendixes to the existing shoreline zoning ordinance. Ms. Fitzgerald recommended that the Machias Planning Board adopt the state standards.

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

To adopt the state's timber harvesting standards to the shoreline zoning ordinance as recommended by the town's CEO.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Thompson reviewed a letter received from Maine Wild Blueberry Company advising the Board that the company is re-permitting the processing at its waste disposal site.

On a motion by Ed Pellon, seconded by David Barker, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 PM.