

# PLANNING BOARD - TOWN OF MACHIAS

MAY 3, 2023

This meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Board member Rich Rolfe. In attendance were Board members Ed Pellon, Harry Flower, and Arthur McCurdy; Secretary Cathy Lord; Josiah Porter, Steven Tilney.

## 1. MINUTES - REVIEW AND ACTION

On a motion by Arthur McCurdy, seconded by Harry Flower, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the March 1st and the April 5th Board meetings.

## 2. BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATIONS - REVIEW AND ACTION

A. The Board reviewed a building permit application submitted by Steven Tilney for renovations to a home located at 24 VIP Drive. Mr. Tilney advised the Board that he plans to make a bathroom in the home handicap accessible and that the home sits on five acres with a deeded right-of-way to use the driveway leading to his home. Mr. Tilney told the Board that there is a 72X14 mobile home owned by his son sitting on the property as well. Mr. Tilney pointed out that included with his application is a letter from his son stating that he has no problems with the home renovations.

On a motion by Arthur McCurdy, seconded by Harry Fower, the Board  
VOTED:

To approve a building permit application submitted by Steven Tilney for renovations to a home located at 24 VIP Drive since the application meets the specifications of the Town of Machias building permit ordinance.

B. The Board reviewed a building permit application submitted by Josiah Porter to renovate a building located at 276 Court Street across from the hospital. Mr. Porter noted that the former owner of the building was Dr. James Whalen and that the building will be converted into an automotive business. He noted that the building has a forty foot setback. Mr. Porter explained that there will be a waste oil furnace to address the automotive waste oil. The Board reviewed the site plans for the business.

On a motion by Arthur McCurdy, seconded by Harry Flower, the Board  
VOTED:

To approve a building permit application submitted by Josiah Porter to renovate a building located at 276 Court Street into an automotive business since the application meets the specifications of the Town of Machias building permit ordinance.

## 3. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Rolfe noted that there is a Board of Appeals meeting tentatively scheduled on May 15th.

Mr. Rolfe advised the members of the Board that he will prepare a synopsis of the Board's review and decision on the Graham Holdings permit.

On a motion by Arthur McCurdy, seconded by Harry Flower, the Board voted to adjourn at 7:45 PM.