

Town of Machias - Public Hearing  
Planning Board  
Wednesday, February 4, 2026  
Machias Tele-Business Building

Present: James Jackson, Andrew Mulholland, Arthur McCurdy,  
Alternate Dean Petruzzi; Selectman Michael Hinerman, MVNO's Paul  
Sylvain and Sean Murphy of Flycatcher representing Mid Coast Solar.

PUBLIC HEARING ON SOLAR APPLICATION FOR MID COAST SOLAR  
The meeting was called to order by Jim Jackson at 6 p.m.  
On a motion by Andy Mulholland, second by Dean Petruzzi, the board  
**VOTED** to open the hearing for public comment.

Sean Murphy provided a short synopsis of the project. No members of  
the public attended.

On a motion by Andy Mulholland, second by Arthur McCurdy, the board  
**VOTED** to close the public hearing at 6:02 p.m.

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Jim Jackson opened the planning board meeting at 6:02 p.m.

MINUTES – Andy Mulholland said the board did not have the minutes  
from January 7, 2026 so no action was taken.

SOLAR FARM at 241 DUBLIN STREET - Sean Murphy outlined the  
outstanding issues requested last month by the Planning Board. These  
included: notification by the FAA that glare will not be an issue; panels  
will be no higher than 12 feet; copies of the certified mail receipts for  
notifications to abutters were provided; an understanding that a fence  
corner may need to be located if a new runway is constructed at the  
airport; and an Emergency Response Plan will be signed by and  
training will be conducted by the Machias Fire Department before and  
after construction takes place.

On a motion by Arthur McCurdy, second by Andy Mulholland, the board unanimously

**VOTED** to approve White Pine's Solar Farm application for 241 Dublin Street contingent on four conditions: 1. A letter of approval from the FAA is received; 2. An agreement on the bond amount for decommissioning costs is reached; 3. An Emergency Response plan is finalized and accepted by the Machias Fire Chief; and 4. Notification of approval from the Maine Dept. of Environmental Protection is provided.

Following the vote, a short discussion was held on solar, including state subsidies, Maine weather, taxation, the process of Machias' ordinance and application.

On a motion by Andy Mulholland, second by Arthur McCurdy, the board **Voted** to adjourn at 6:23 p.m.