

PLANNING BOARD - TOWN OF MACHIAS

JUNE 5, 2019

This meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Bill Thompson. In attendance were Board members Ed Pellon, Joe Gurney, and Arthur McCurdy; Secretary Cathy Lord; Code Enforcement Officer Betsy Fitzgerald; Ben Edwards, Frank Johnson, Bruce Smith, James Whalen.

1. MINUTES - REVIEW AND ACTION

On a motion by Joe Gurney, seconded by Ed Pellon, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2019 Board meeting.

2. REVIEW OF BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION

A. The Board reviewed a building permit application submitted by Ben Edwards for the construction of a greenhouse to be located at 313 East Kennebec Road. Mr. McCurdy questioned the location of the setbacks and Mr. Edwards explained the location of the setbacks for the greenhouse. Mr. Thompson noted that the setback dimensions fully meet the requirements of the Machias building ordinance. Ms. Fitzgerald advised the Board that she has seen the site and she noted that the setbacks more than meet the setback requirements.

On a motion by Joe Gurney, seconded by Arthur McCurdy, the Board

VOTED:

To approve a building permit application submitted by Ben Edwards for the construction of a greenhouse at 313 East Kennebec Road.

B. The Board reviewed a building permit application submitted by Franck Johnson for the placement of a 8X40 foot storage container to be located at 0 Kennebec Road.

On a motion by Joe Gurney, seconded by Arthur McCurdy, the Board

VOTED:

To approve a building permit application submitted by Frank Johnson for the placement of a 8X40 foot storage container to a lot located at 0 Kennebec Road.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

Code Enforcement Officer Betsy Fitzgerald discussed revising and updating the Town's mobile home park ordinance with the members of the Planning Board. Ms. Fitzgerald noted that due to the increased number of building permits for the placement of mobile homes in a mobile home park located in Machias that it may be an opportune time to revise the ordinance to meet the needs of the Town. All the members of the Board supported revising this ordinance. Ms. Fitzgerald told the members of the Board that she would advise Town Manager Christina Therrien of the Board's support; she noted that she and the Town Manager would be working on updating the ordinance for the Board's review. Ms. Fitzgerald noted that they could look at various examples of mobile home ordinances to find "the right fit" for Machias. Mr. Thompson added that the members of the Planning Board are willing to assist in this effort.

On a motion by Arthur McCurdy, seconded by Joe Gurney, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 PM.