

PLANNING BOARD - TOWN OF MACHIAS

DECEMBER 5, 2018

This meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by Chairman Bill Thompson. In attendance were Board members Ed Pellon, Joe Gurney, David Baker, and Arthur McCurdy; Secretary Cathy Lord; Code Enforcement Officer Betsy Fitzgerald; Town Manager Christina Therrien, Josh Rolfe, Bruce Smith, Josh Bragg, Bill Kitchen, James Whalen, Chris Lyford, David Clark, Mary Angarola.

1. MINUTES - REVIEW AND ACTION

On a motion by Arthur McCurdy, seconded by David Barker, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2018 Board meeting.

2. BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION - REVIEW AND ACTION

A. The Board reviewed a building permit application submitted by MSB Leasing Inc. for construction of an office building to be located at 31 Main Street to support banking operations for Machias Savings Bank. The Board examined the site plan presented for the project. Mr. Thompson asked if the plan is to build the foundation of the building up before actual construction; Mr. Bragg responded that the plan is to build up the foundation by two feet. He noted that the construction will be closely monitored by the Department of Environmental Protection. Mr. McCurdy asked about the amount of parking planned for the building. Mr. Bragg noted that there are five off-street parking spaces for the building on that side of the street. He explained that the employees of the building will be parking in a new parking area on the other side of the street where the former discount store sat. Code Enforcement Officer Betsy Fitzgerald noted that both the office building and the new parking area are one project with Rt. #1 sitting between the two parts of the project. Mr. Whalen asked about flooding concerns in this area. It was noted that due to flooding concerns, the applicant had been advised to build up the area of the building site to address possible future flooding.

Mr. McCurdy expressed his opinion regarding a possible request for a TIF between Machias Savings Bank and the Town of Machias. It was pointed out that consideration of a TIF is not part of the building permit and does not come under the auspices of the planning board.

On a motion by Joe Gurney, seconded by David Barker, the Board
VOTED:

To approve a building permit application submitted by MSB Leasing Inc. for the construction of an office building at 31 Main Street.

Vote On Motion: 4 votes supporting the motion (Mr. Thompson, Mr. Barker, Mr. Pellon, Mr. Gurney) 1 vote against the motion (Mr. McCurdy)

Motion Passed

B. The Board reviewed a building permit application submitted by James Sweikert for the construction of a storage space and art room to a home located at 57 Center Street.

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

VOTED:

To approve a building permit application submitted by James Sweikert for construction of a storage space and art room to a home located at 57 Center Street.

C. Ms. Fitzgerald advised the Board that she has been unable to contact Angie Santana regarding questions on a building permit submitted for the placement of a mobile home. The Board tabled this permit until further information is obtained.

On a motion by Joe Gurney, seconded by Arthur McCurdy, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 PM.