

**Town of Machias  
Public Hearing  
Wednesday, August 13, 2025 @ 5 p.m.  
At Machias Tele-Business Center**

In Attendance: Chairman Jake Patryn, Vice Chairman Ben Edwards, Michael Hinerman, Carole Porcher, Town Manager Sarah Dedmon, Machias Ambulance Director Ryan Maker, Machias Police Chief Keith Mercier, Machias Fire Chief Joe Thompson, Machias Finance Director Nicholas MacDonald, Tora Johnson and Stewart Atwood.

The public hearing was opened by Chairperson Jake Patryn at 5:01 p.m. on a proposal to extend the Town of Machias Solar and Wind Ordinance Moratoriums for an additional 180 day period, the original moratorium expires in September 2025.

Public Comments:

Stewart Atwood testified that he owns property in Hoyttown and has an opportunity to lease five acres to a solar company. He is opposed to extending the moratorium as it would financially impact him. He said his solar contract would be for 25 years with a chance for extension and he would like to be able to utilize his property. He was the only commenter in the public hearing.

Jake Patryn concluded the hearing at 5:07 p.m.