

PLANNING BOARD - TOWN OF MACHIAS

APRIL 6, 2016

This meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman William Thompson. In attendance were Board members Joe Gurney, David Barker, and Arthur McCurdy; Secretary Cathy Lord; Code Enforcement Officer Betsy Fitzgerald; Peter Shaw, James Whalen, Jon Evans, Bob Berta, Ann-Marie Evans, Corey Schwinn, Erie Atkison.

1. MINUTES - REVIEW AND ACTION

On a motion by Arthur McCurdy, seconded by Joe Gurney, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2016 Board meeting.

2. BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATIONS - REVIEW AND ACTION

A. The Board reviewed a building permit application submitted by Tom's Mini Mart for construction of an addition to an existing business located at 211 Dublin Street. The Board reviewed the application's site plan.

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

To approve a building permit application submitted by Tom's Mini Mart for the construction of an addition to a business located at 211 Dublin Street.

Vote On Motion; 3 votes in favor of the Motion; 1 abstaining vote (Mr. Thompson)
Motion Passed by vote of 3 to 0

On a motion by Arthur McCurdy, seconded by William Thompson, the Board
VOTED:

To appoint Mr. Gurney as Acting Chairman of the Machias Planning Board.

Mr. Gurney signed the Tom's Mini Mart application approving the document.

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

To re-appoint William Thompson as Chairman of the Machias Planning Board.

B. Mr. Thompson informed the Board that Maine Fiber Company has asked that a review of their submitted building permit be postponed until they can provide some additional information which was omitted from the permit. Mr. Thompson noted that if the additional information is submitted in a timely manner the Board can review the entire permit at their May meeting.

C. The Board reviewed a building permit application submitted by Jon & Ann-Marie Evans for the construction of a single family residence to be built on a lot located on Manchester Way. The Board reviewed the site map included with the application along with the town's shoreland zoning maps. Code Enforcement Officer Betsy Fitzgerald advised the members of the Board that she has reviewed the site and found that the application is in compliance with shoreland zoning guidelines since the construction is more than 125 feet from the shore. Mr. Evans noted that the house will be constructed at least 150 feet from the shoreline.

On a motion by Arthur McCurdy, seconded by David Barker, the Board

VOTED:

To approve a building permit application submitted by Jon & Ann-Marie Evans for the construction of a single family residence to be located on Manchester Way.

D. The Board reviewed a building permit application submitted by the Machias Area Little League for construction of two structures at the Little League field located on Beal Street - the first structure is to replace a scorekeeper's building and the second structure is to expand a storage building. Mr. Corey Schwinn and Mr. Ernie Atkison attended the meeting to answer questions regarding the application. Mr. Thompson noted concern that the second structure does not meet the setback requirements to the adjoining property stipulated in the town's ordinance. The Board discussed setback requirements with the applicant. Mr. Schwinn and Mr. Atkison explained that they will address this issue and resubmit a building permit adhering to the town's ordinance.

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

VOTED:

To approve a building permit application submitted by Machias Area Little League for the construction of a scorekeeper's building on an existing building footprint located at the Little League field on Beal Street with the understanding that the organization will resubmit an application for the location of another building at the site that meets the setback requirements of the town ordinance.

On a motion by Arthur McCurdy, seconded by Joe Gurney, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 PM.