PLANNING BOARD - TOWN OF MACHIAS

JUNE 1, 2022

This meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Bill Thompson. In attendance were Board members Arthur McCurdy, Rich Rolfe and Harry Flowers; Secretary Cathy Lord; Town Manager Bill Kitchen; Code Enforcement Officer Kevin Brodie; Chase Ross, Harper Dean.

1. MINUTES - REVIEW AND ACTION

On a motion by Arthur McCurdy, seconded by Rich Rolfe, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2022 Board meeting.

2. BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATIONS - REVIEW AND ACTION

A. The Board reviewed a building permit application submitted by Chase Ross for the construction of a deck to an existing home located at 406 Kennebec Road

On a motion by Rich Rolfe, seconded by Arthur McCurdy, the Board VOTED.

To approve a building permit application for construction of a deck to a home located at 406 Kennebec Road.

B. The Board reviewed a building permit application submitted by Graham & Suzanne Bolton for construction of an addition to an existing home located at 126 Holway Point Road. CEO Kevin Brodie advised the Board that he checked on the property and recommended that the permit be approved.

On a motion by Arthur McCurdy, seconded by Rich Rolfe, the Board VOTED:

To approve a building permit application submitted by Graham & Suzanne Bolton for construction of an addition to an existing home located at 126 Holway Point Road.

C. The Board reviewed a building permit application submitted by the Center Street Congregational Church for the construction of a building to house a food pantry at 43 Kennebec Road. Mr. Harper Dean, representing the church, asked the Board to grant a variance to allow the church to install a private septic system instead of using the town's sewer system. Mr. Thompson advised that the Board cannot grant a variance since property owners are required by town ordinance to access the public sewer system if they are within one hundred feet of the municipal sewer system. Mr. McCurdy advised that the Board cannot stop construction of a private system but that the church would still be assessed a sewer bill if they choose not to use the municipal sewer system. Mr. Thompson suggested that Mr. Dean talk with the Machias Water Company for advice.

On a motion by Rich Rolfe, seconded by Arthur McCurdy, the Board VOTED:

To approve a building permit application submitted by the Center Street Congregational Church for construction of a building to house a food panty at 43 Kennebec Road.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

The Board discussed a proposed subdivision on outer Broadway proposed by Mr. Justin King. It was noted that the Board will act on the proposal when a completed application is submitted.

The Board, the CEO, and Mr. Kitchen discussed updating the subdivision ordinance.

On a motion by Rich Rolfe, seconded by Arthur McCurdy, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 PM.