

MEMORANDUM

To: Machiasport Property Owner

From: Machiasport Planning Board

Re: Shoreland Zoning Ordinance and Map

Date: Approved by the Planning Board -August 8, 2013

In March, the Planning Board sent you a memorandum about a Public Hearing being held on April 11, 2013 to discuss proposed amendments to the Town's Shoreland Zoning (SLZ) Ordinance and Map which may impact the use of your property. The Planning Board wanted to update you on the status of the proposed amendments to the SLZ Ordinance and Map.

The Machiasport Annual Town Meeting was held on June 24, 2013. One of the Articles on the Warrant was to determine whether or not the citizens would approve the proposed amendments to the SLZ Ordinance and Map. This Article was defeated, even though it was presented as a more desirable alternative to the State of Maine imposed model SLZ Ordinance and Map.

The previous Ordinance Committee worked on amending the Town's SLZ Ordinance and Map for the past few years, and had reached a compromise with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP) to provide increased flexibility for Machiasport property owners while still achieving the intent and purposes of the State's Mandatory Shoreland Zoning Act. The previous Ordinance Committee does not see where further negotiations with the MDEP will result in a more favorable SLZ Ordinance and Map for the Town than was presented at the Annual Town Meeting. With this in mind, the previous Ordinance Committee does not intend to complete additional work on amending the Town's SLZ Ordinance and Map. The Board of Selectmen is in the process of appointing a new Ordinance Committee. It is unknown at this time if the new Ordinance Committee will be working on amending the Town's SLZ Ordinance and Map.

In closing, the Planning Board wanted to inform you that the 1992 Machiasport Shoreland Zoning Ordinance and Map will remain in effect until such time as the Town receives a State imposed SLZ Ordinance and Map or decides to engage in adopting its own amended SLZ Ordinance and Map at some future date.

Thank you for your time and interest in this matter.

