

Machiasport Planning Board and Ordinance Committee Annual Report

2011 – 2012

Another successful year has passed for the Planning Board and a lot of accomplishments were made in the process.

During the Town's FY 2011-2012 there were 15 Building Permits considered by the Planning Board. In 2011, 7 permits were approved with one permit denied because the time for an extension had expired. As of the end of May 2012, 7 permits were approved.

The subdivision application proposed for the Long Point Subdivision was put on hold due to a court case to determine the ownership of the East Side Road from the culvert at the beach to the point. The proposed application for the subdivision has since been withdrawn and the property owner is negotiating with the Maine Coast Heritage Trust on a possible purchase of the land.

The Ordinance Committee is presently working on revisions to the Subdivision Ordinance that will be voted on at a future Town Meeting.

The Planning Board developed a Building Permit Brochure to help the townspeople with applications and one was sent to each Machiasport resident in January 2012. Additional copies of the brochure are available at the Town Office.

The Planning Board and Ordinance Committee have recently submitted three new Ordinances that were requested by the Selectmen for approval at the Town Meeting in June. They were:

- Exempting Eligible Active Duty Personnel From Vehicle Excise Tax
- Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) to be administered by Efficiency Maine Trust
- Animal/Dog Control Ordinance

The Planning Board and Ordinance Committee revised the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance and held two public hearings. The Planning Board is waiting to see what action, if any, the State takes on Shoreland Zoning regulations before proceeding with finalizing the DRAFT for the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance.

The CEO has issued Plumbing Permits and Permits in the Shoreland Zone under his jurisdiction.

The Planning Board discussed possible uses for Liberty Hall and appointed Rick Bury as Liaison between the Planning Board and the Liberty Hall Committee.

The Planning Board has recently recommended to the Board of Selectmen that the Town appoint a committee and set aside funding for the Sestercentennial celebration--the 250th year of Incorporation of the Town of Machiasport in 2013.

The Planning Board meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. and the Ordinance Committee meets at 6:00 p.m. on the same day at the Town Office.

All Planning Board and Ordinance Committee meetings are posted 7 days in advance of the meetings on the Town's Bulletin Board and are open to the public. Copies of the agendas for the upcoming meetings and minutes from the previous meetings are also posted in the Town Office at that time.

Building Permits are due in the Town Office the Friday prior to the week of the Planning Board meeting and all permit fees must be paid at that time.

We want to thank the Community and Selectmen for their ongoing support.

Respectfully submitted for the Machiasport Planning Board and Ordinance Committee.

James W. Miner, Chair