

<p>Chair Robert Arseneau</p> <p>Vice Chair Karl Kurz</p> <hr/> <p>Gerry Crispino Jeff Huntley Bob Mercer</p> <p>Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) Betsy Fitzgerald Secretary Renee Mercer</p>
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# *Town of Machiasport*

## *Planning Board Meeting*

### *THURSDAY – February 2, 2023*

*5:00 PM*

### *Minutes*

**Call to Order/Roll Call:** Robert Arseneau called meeting to order at 5PM. Board members present; Robert Arseneau, Karl Kurz, Gerry Crispino, Betsy Fitzgerald & Bob Mercer. Absent, Jeff Huntley. Participants present; Rose Arseneau, Kathy Mercer & Billy Day. Support staff present, Renee Mercer.

**Planning Board Correspondence**-none

**Adjustments to Agenda**-none

**Approval of Planning Board Minutes-January 2023**-Bob Mercer seconded the motion of Gerry Crispino to approve minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

**Consideration of Building Permits**-no new applications.

**CEO Report/Betsy Fitzgerald:** Over the last 5 weeks Betsy has done the following: She has spoken with a property owner on Indian Head Road wanting to know who owns the road and who is therefore responsible for tree cutting. The road is private and after speaking to the Town office, Betsy directed the caller to another property owner on the road. There were issues with a setback on a piece of property on Rose Lane that Betsy was planning to take care of. She was told CES will take care of it as there is a steep cliff that they do not want her to go down. A realtor reached out with questions regarding Mildred Gay's old blue house that is currently under contract. An appraiser contacted Betsy regarding questions on several pieces of property/lots that the town has an interest in. Karl Kurz had questions regarding these properties and if they were being sold by the town. Karl stated he would like a shot at possibly purchasing any property that the town is selling. He stated in the past, land has been sold incorrectly to favorites. Betsy did not have the details and it was decided that Karl should contact the town to see if there are any properties for sale. Bob Mercer asked Betsy if Indian Head Road has an HOA that owns the road. Bob mentioned that about 3 years ago, a resident on that road, wanted the town to take it over. The resident thought since she pays her taxes why wouldn't the town want to do so. Bob stated at the time he thought that would be nice if the town took over Indian Cove Road but does not see that coming anytime in the future. Betsy stated it is quit the process to get the town to take a road over. Bob stated that we spend a decent amount of money every year maintaining Indian Cove Road. Karl Kurz said if we are going to talk about that let's talk about town abandoning roads and how does that work. Betsy stated that is so tied up in the Legislature right now. Karl stated this has nothing to do with the Planning Board so let's move on. Bob told Karl if he didn't mind, he would finish his train of thought. Karl said his train of thought has nothing to do with the Planning Board. Bob said we

will finish my train of thought. Robert Arseneau said Hey, Hey Karl. Bob told Betsy to ignore Karl for a minute and finished speaking. Bob said the bottom line is, we spend quite a bit of money maintaining the road. Karl said again what does that have to do with the Planning Board. Robert stated it is relevant information. Karl made a hand gesture towards Bob as soon as he was done talking. Bob stated he would like to give him his own personal gesture, which he absolutely deserves, but it would be unprofessional. Karl said pipe down Caesar to Bob. Robert Arseneau said OK you two. Bob said Hey listen, I'm not the one that started any of this. Karl then stated to Bob, go back to Texas will ya. Kathy Mercer said Karl what are you saying. Robert said to Bob Mercer, no you didn't start anything, let's just move on, Bob agreed.

**Old Business**-none

**New Business**-Billy Day-property division-Billy stated he has 5 acres of land on New Hickey Road and would like to divide it into 2 lots. Robert Arseneau stated that we do not have anything to do with this, but we can chat about what he wants to do. A survey has been done. Robert stated this could be divided easily, you can hire a lawyer or do this yourself, it looks pretty simple. Billy would like to do so himself. Betsy stated it would be a good idea to record this at the Registry of Deeds. Billy was told he could write the deed up himself and to be sure to include the road right of way. Billy was told once the property is divided, it cannot be divided again for 5 years. Robert stated he had to go due to the tide and asked Karl to take over. Robert finished up the meeting as it was almost done.

**Public Comments**-none

**Reports Comments from Members**-none

**Adjournment:** Gerry Crispino seconded the motion of Karl Kurz to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion carried, meeting adjourned @ 5:15PM.

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Chair  
Robert Arseneau