



City of Presque Isle, Maine

Planning Board Minutes

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Sargent Family Community Center

June 16, 2022 @ 6:00 PM

Planning Board Members Present: Bruce Roope; Chairman, Ward Gerow, Vice-Chairman; Jayne Farrin, Sean Nordenhold, & Travis Ouellette

Planning Board Members Absent: Brandon McDonald, David Perry, Stacey Walton (Alternate)

Others Present: Galen Weibley, Director of Economic & Community Development; Tim St. Peter, Code Enforcement Officer; Tim Crowley, NMCC President

1. Call to Order

Chairman Roope called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

2. Minutes Approval: Review and approve draft minutes from May 18, 2022.

A motion by **Ward Gerow**, second by **Sean Nordenhold** to approve the revised May 18, 2022 Planning Board Meeting Minutes. **Vote – unanimous 5-0**

3. Request Letter of Compliance & Support for NMCC Community Development Block Grant Application: Review application before action by Board to support.

Tim Crowley, President of Northern Maine Community College offered an overview of the proposed workforce development program the Northern Maine Growth Initiative and the college are exploring in partnership with the City to fund through the Maine Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Mr. Crowley shared that a workforce coordinator position will be funded over a two-year period funded through the state college at \$150,000 and 80,000 proposed by the CDBG application. The coordinator will focus on attracting new talent to Aroostook County specifically for families and individuals that experience barriers to employment because of international status. After two years of funding, the position will be incorporated into the NMCC operational budget.

Galen Weibley offered an overview of the six strategies, two goals and two policies this CDBG application will be consistent with the City's recently adopted Comprehensive Plan. The Board inquired if housing will be also provided to aid in transition. Mr. Crowley answered that NMCC

will furnish a small portion of their living spaces on campus for new families and individuals to the County with the goal of eventual self-sufficiency and transition to the general public. Chairman Roope stressed the importance of this application as it related to attracting new talent for workforce development.

A motion by *Jayne Farrin* and second by *Ward Gerow* to authorize the Planning Board Chairman to sign a letter of compliance and support for NMCC's CDBG application with the City. **Vote – unanimous 5-0.**

4. Chapter 16 Land Use Code Revisions – Article 2, Section I

Mr. Weibley reviewed the development triggers with the Planning Board has referenced in Section I of the Second Article of the Land Use Code. Jayne Farrin requested if uniformity can be made for the titles of the Public Works Director or Highway Superintendent as well as City Engineer. Ward Gerow requested a better explanation and wording for Section I, D for development triggers as it was difficult to follow.

5. Other Business

None

6. Adjournment of the Planning Board

A motion by *Sean Nordenhold*, second by *Travis Ouellette* to adjourn the Planning Board at 7:30 PM. **Vote – unanimous 5-0.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Galen Weibley

Planning Board Members
Bruce Roope, Chair, Ward Gerow, Vice-Chair
Jayne Farrin, Dave Perry, Brandon McDonald,
Sean Nordenhold, Travis Ouellette & Stacey Walton