

# Town of Jonesport

## Planning Board Public Hearing Minutes

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: JBHS gymnasium

Date: August 2, 2022

Present:

Planning Board Members: Frank, Lee, Paul, and Alvin

Alternates: Bill and Diane

Counsel: Attorney Stephen Wagner

Representing the Kingfish Maine Application: Bill Lane, Megan and Tom Sorby, Darrell Richards, and Attorney Adrian Kendall

Frank opened the meeting and explained the format of the meeting as well as the job of Planning Board.

Attorney Wagner spoke about procedure. Attorney Kendall confirmed that the Planning Board was not obligated to make a decision of a particular standard. They could “put a pin in it” and come back to it later.

Elizabeth Boepple, representing Protect Downeast suggested that the Board and Kingfish review the lengthy email that was sent today (8/2/22). She would like the Board to vote on those concerns after the Board’s review and Kingfish has time to rebut. All parties were in agreement.

Attorney Wagner explained emails and the distribution list. The decision of the Board along with the applicant’s consent was that going forward the Hearings would be held on Thursday evenings (bi-weekly). Comments and questions should be emailed to [office@townofjonesport.com](mailto:office@townofjonesport.com) by Wednesday of the off week. Distribution would be on Thursday the week prior to the meeting.

**Motion:** Alvin motioned; Paul seconded to allow Bill Nunan to vote during tonight's meeting in Kathy’s absence. **VOTE:** Unanimous

Megan Sorby explained Plan C.0- site plan and Appendix 1 Land Use and Shoreland Zoning Standards.

Public Comment:

Julie Farris

Lucas Fisher – representing Eastern Maine Conservation Initiative

Attorney Boepple – representing Protect Downeast

Dwight E. Alley- former Selectman, Town of Jonesport

After public comment the applicant was allowed rebuttal. Attorney Kendall will rebut Attorney Boepple’s issues separately after reviewing.

**Sect. 6. Performance Standards:**

**A. Neighborhood Impact.**

Questions from the Board, Frank, Bill, Lee, and Al.

Bill Lane spoke on behalf of the applicant concerning the neighborhood impact.

Public comments from: Carry Peabody, Attorney Beopple, John Church, Cynthia Beauvias, Elaine Brown, Crystal Canney, and Robert Kelly.

Attorney Kendall and Megan Sorby rebutted.

**Motion:** Paul motioned; Alvin seconded to hold until next meeting to vote on neighborhood impact.

**Vote:** Unanimous

Public Comment: Lyn Alley

**B. Vehicular Access**

Megan Sorby and Bill Lane spoke on behalf of the applicant.

The Planning Board asked if they would be able to revisit a standard if more information became available after they had already voted. Attorney Wagner said yes, any item could be revisited until the final vote. Attorney Kendall nodded his agreement.

Public comment from: Carrie Peabody, Derek Alley, and Dwight E. Alley.

**Motion:** Al motioned; Paul seconded to approve the applicant's response to Vehicular Access conditional to the applicant obtaining a DOT entrance permit.

**Vote:** Unanimous

**C. Parking**

Applicant: no comment

Public comment: none

**Motion:** Frank motioned; Paul seconded that after review of Appendix 8 parking diagram and the applicant's response, the Board concludes that section 6 - C Parking has been met.

**Vote:** Unanimous

**D. Surface Water Drainage**

Frank read the applicants plan found in appendix 8 C13- C17.

Bill Lane further explained on the applicant's behalf.

No public concern.

**Motion:** Bill motioned, the surface water system as designed by Kingfish provides adequate protection for the removal of surface waters without adversely affecting neighboring properties, streams, or drainage systems; Frank seconded.

**Vote:** Unanimous

**E. Exterior lighting**

Frank read the applicant's response.

No comments from the applicant nor the public.

**Motion:** Frank motioned, based on the applicant's use of full cut off fixtures to minimize adverse effects, the board concludes that Kingfish has met the standard; Al seconded.

**Vote:** Unanimous

**F. Signs**

Applicant's response is that they have no signage, therefore, they would like F. Sign to be deemed non-applicable. Darrell for the applicant stated that the Netherland's facility has no signs.

Public comment: None

**Motion:** Frank motioned; Al seconded, since there are no signs; Kingfish has met the standard.

**Vote:** Unanimous

**G. Town Services**

Frank read the applicant's response.

Bill Lane and Megan Sorby spoke on the Applicant's behalf.

Public comment: Richard Aishton, Attorney Beopple, Lyn Alley, John Church, Robert Kelley  
Attorney Kendall rebutted.

Questions from the Planning Board to which Megan responded.

**Motion:** Al motioned; Paul seconded to table G. Town Services until the next meeting (public hearing).

**Vote:** Unanimous

Meeting adjourned: 9:43 p.m.

Minutes by: TJM