

Bucksport Planning Board
6:30 P.M., Tuesday, May 6, 2014
Bucksport Town Office
50 Main Street

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
 Daniel See Steve Feite George Hanson
 Vacant Rosemary Bamford Edward Belcher
 David Grant
- 3. Review and Acceptance of Minutes:** Minutes from the February 4, March 4, & April 1, 2014 meetings.
- 4. Chair's Report**
- 5. Code Enforcement Officer's Report**
- 6. Limited Public Forum:** An opportunity for the Public to address the Board on matters related to land use or planning in the Town of Bucksport.
- 7. Unfinished Business:** None
- 8. New Business:** None
- 9. Administrative Business**
- 10. Discussion:** Land use regulations and the permitting process.
- 11. Adjournment**

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**MINUTES
(Amended)**

1. Call to Order: 6:30 P.M. by Rosemary Bamford, Chair

2. Roll Call

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Daniel See | <input type="checkbox"/> Steve Feite | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> George Hanson |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rosemary Bamford | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Edward Belcher |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Grant | | |

Staff present : Jeffrey Hammond, CEO

3. Review and Acceptance of Minutes: The draft minutes from the February 4, March 4, and April 1, 2014 meetings were reviewed by the board.

MOTION(Hanson): To approve the February 4, 2014 meeting minutes as drafted.

SECOND(Grant)

DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE: 4-0 Motion adopted.

MOTION(Hanson): To approve the March 4, 2014 meeting minutes as drafted.

SECOND(Grant)

DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE: 4-0 Motion adopted.

MOTION(Belcher): To approve the April 1, 2014 meeting minutes as drafted.

SECOND(Hanson)

DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE: 4-0 Motion adopted.

4. Chair’s Report: No report.

5. Code Enforcement Officer’s Report: The CEO reported on the following:

1. There will be planning board training from MMA in Brewer on May 13th. Anyone interested should make it known and they will be registered. New member Steve Feite is registered. Chair Bamford indicated her interest in attending the training.
2. The town has acquired the Feldman property on Main Street and Federal Street, and plans are underway to demolish most, if not all, buildings to allow for new development.
3. The town has also acquired the Bucksport Marina, and is in the process of determining how the property should be managed.
4. FEMA has provided the town with preliminary flood maps that need to be reviewed by the board and offered for public inspection. The board asked that this be put on the agenda for the next meeting.
5. The board was provided with copies of the April CEO monthly report prepared for the town council. An effort will be made to submit the monthly reports to the planning board as well.

6. Limited Public Forum-An opportunity for the Public to address the Board on matters related to land use or planning in the Town of Bucksport.

No public comments were received.

7. **Unfinished Business:** None
8. **New Business:** None
9. **Administrative Business**
10. **Discussion:** Land use regulations and the permitting process.

The board began a discussion about the concerns brought to them by the business community at the March meeting. The CEO provided the board with a summary of the concerns, the first one being that the land use ordinance is difficult to understand. The board reviewed a user's guide to the land use ordinance prepared by the CEO, and suggested some minor edits to the document. It was thought that the guide would be helpful, especially for applicants who are unfamiliar with land use and zoning regulations. It was also suggested that the business leaders be asked about their specific difficulties understanding the ordinance. It was noted that simplification of the ordinance language was not recommended due to the problems with interpretation that would likely occur.

The board expressed concerns about how the image of the planning board review process is being conveyed to business applicants. It was thought that there may be a perception of difficulty and negativity being conveyed, which is what they heard being expressed at the March meeting. The comment from the economic development director that people have found the review process to be painful was noted. The CEO noted that since the adoption of the current land use ordinance, the review process has been greatly improved.

Further discussion is planned for the next meeting.

The CEO shared with the board a promotional message he developed for the code enforcement office that highlights the special services offered to the public. It's called "BUCKSUPPORT."

11. **Adjournment:** 8:30PM

Minutes prepared by
Jeffrey Hammond
Recording Secretary