

Bucksport Planning Board
6:30 P.M., Tuesday, May 5, 2015
Bucksport Town Office
50 Main Street

AGENDA

- 1. Roll Call**
 Mary Jane Bush Steve Feite George Hanson
 Brian MacDonald Christopher Johnson Edward Belcher
 David Grant
- 2. Review and Acceptance of Minutes:** Minutes from the April 7, 2015 meeting.
- 3. Chair's Report**
- 4. Code Enforcement Officer's Report**
- 5. 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.
- 6. Unfinished Business:** None
- 7. New Business:** None
- 8. Administrative Business**
- 9. Discussion:** Land use regulations in a new era: are changes needed?
- 10. Adjournment**

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MINUTES

1. Roll Call

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2. Review and Acceptance of Minutes: The board reviewed the minutes from the April 7, 2015 meeting.

MOTION: (Johnson) To approve the April 7, 2015 minutes as submitted.

SECOND: (Feite)

Discussion: None

VOTE: 5-0 motion adopted

3. Chair's Report: No report

4. Code Enforcement Officer's Report: The CEO reported on the following:

1. MMA training for board members will be held on June 18th in Bangor. Member Feite asked to be registered for the training. The CEO and member Bush are also registered.
2. The board was provided with an update on efforts to save Wilson Hall.
3. The board was provided with an update on negotiations with Time Warner Cable.
4. The CEO reported that the land use permit for the sewer plant upgrade has been issued. Building and plumbing permits will follow.

5. 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.

Member Johnson expressed his interest in posting planning board information on the cable broadcast channels. The board was supportive of this idea.

6. Unfinished Business: None

7. New Business: None

8. Administrative Business: Member Feite inquired about the status of Mark Eastman's efforts to gain approval of a setback reduction for his planned parking lot for his new business location on Central Street. The CEO explained that Mr. Eastman will be applying for a variance, and the board decided to table any ordinance amendment proposals until the appeal process was completed. Member Feite expressed reservations for approving a change to the ordinance.

9. Discussion: Land use regulations

The CEO informed the board of how the new demolition standards apply to smaller sites with environmental issues.

The CEO provided the board with a draft citizen survey prepared for review by the comprehensive plan committee. The final version may be different.

Member Hanson asked why so many town office employees are needed now when 1 or 2 sufficed in the 1960's. The board discussed how things have changed.

The board discussed the notion that great changes will be happening in a post-mill Bucksport and how to deal with it.

The board discussed why very little economic development has occurred in the last two decades, and why there is so much negativity around town. Budget issues were touched on.

Member Johnson offered several ideas for making the town more attractive for development.

The board discussed the issues around the demolition of the mill.

10. Adjournment: 8:14PM

Minutes prepared by
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