

**CITY OF BELFAST PLANNING BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE
NORDIC AQUAFARMS PERMIT APPLICATIONS
SECOND NOTICE - AUGUST 26, 2019 HEARINGS
INITIAL NOTICE - SEPTEMBER 4, 2019 HEARINGS**

The City of Belfast Planning Board, at its meeting of Monday, August 26, 2019, beginning at 6:00 pm, in the Room 138 Conference Facility in the University of Maine Hutchinson Center that is located at 80 Belmont Avenue, and its meeting of Wednesday, September 4, 2019, beginning at 6:00 pm at the same location, is scheduled to conduct a series of public hearings on permit applications submitted by Nordic Aquafarms, Inc. to develop a land based salmon aquaculture facility on a 56 acre site located on the northwesterly side of Route One near the lower reservoir of the Little River.

AUGUST 26 PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public comment presented to the Planning Board at its August 26 meeting shall be limited to the following components of the Nordic Aquafarms permit applications. The Board will be conducting a separate public hearing on each of the following issues:

- 1) Visual impact on the scenic and natural beauty of the area and aesthetics, particularly reference the Visual Assessment Report in Attachment 27 of the application;
- 2) Buffers, including bufferyard areas, screening and landscaping, particularly reference Attachment 28;
- 3) Maine Historic Preservation Commission Study, impact on archeological and historic resources, reference Attachment 32 in application; and
- 4) Access to sunlight, particularly reference the Sunlight Study, Attachment 33.

SEPTEMBER 4 PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public comment presented to the Planning Board at its September 4 meeting shall be limited to the following components of the Nordic Aquafarms permit applications. The Board will be conducting a separate public hearing on each of the following issues:

- 1) Stormwater Management Plan, particularly reference Attachment 15
- 2) Stormwater Maintenance Plan, particularly reference Attachment 16
- 3) Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan, particularly reference Attachment 14
- 4) Note - Hearings not completed at the Board meetings of August 26 may be continued to the Board meeting of September 4.

The Board, at both the August 26 and September 4 hearings, also will consider the respective sections of Attachment 4, Chapter 102, Zoning Standards, Attachment 5, Chapter 90, Site Plan Standards, Attachment 6, Chapter 82, Shoreland Zone Standards, and Attachment 7, Chapter 98, Technical Standards, associated with the above topics. All of the public hearings are associated with the Board's review of the following permit requirements identified in the City Code of Ordinances:

- Chapter 82, Shoreland Permit;
- Chapter 90, Site Plan Permit; and

- Chapter 102, Zoning Use Permit, Significant Groundwater Well Permit & Significant Water Intake/Significant Water Discharge Pipes Permit (location of pipes).

The Board's review also will consider requirements identified in the Chapter 98, Technical Standards, and definitions identified in Chapter 66, General Provisions.

Persons who desire to offer comment may do so in one of three ways:

- 1) Oral comment presented at the above public hearings.
- 2) Written comment to: City of Belfast, Code & Planning Dept, 131 Church St, Belfast, ME, 04915.
- 3) Via email to: public@cityofbelfast.org.

Questions regarding the permit applications and the Planning Board meetings should be directed to Wayne Marshall, Director, Code and Planning at 338-1417 x 125, or via email at public@cityofbelfast.org.

The Department has posted an electronic version of the Nordic Aquafarms permit applications on the City website, cityofbelfast.org, reference Planning and Codes, Related Links, Nordic Permit Applications. The Department also has two complete copies of the application in its offices that are available for public inspection in City Hall during normal business hours. The Department does not have any printed application materials that persons can borrow or remove from City Hall.