

City of Caribou, Maine

AGENDA Caribou Planning Board Special Meeting Thursday, August 26, 2021, at 5:30 p.m.

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The meeting will be broadcast on Cable Channel 1301 and the City's YouTube Channel. Public Comments may be submitted prior to the meeting no later than 4:00 pm on Thursday August 26, 2021, to be read during the meeting. Send comments to CEO Ken Murchison at kmurchison@cariboumaine.org or call 493-5967.

- I. Call Meeting to Order, Determine Quorum
- II. Public Hearings
- III. Approval of minutes of the August 12, 2021, Planning Board meeting will be presented at the next regular Planning Board Meeting September 9, 2021
- IV. New Business
- V. Old Business
 - a. Continue Final Site Design Review Application for Troy Haney for the Kacie's Place Campground on 154 Limestone Street Tax Map 38 Lots 105, 106 and 108.
- VI. Staff Report
 - a. Land Bank, Broad Band projects by Business Investment Group (BIG)
 - b. Land Use Survey Mapping
 - c. Demolition of 37 Home Farm Road
 - d. Continued clean-up of Former Birdseye Processing Facility
 - e. Riverfront Redevelopment Committee Draft Ordinance
 - f. Caribou Trailer Park
- VII. Adjournment

Ch 13-700 General Requirements for Land Uses, Paragraph 6 – Campground and/or Recreational Vehicle Park

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- Ref Introduction "A campground and/or recreational vehicle (RV) park shall conform to the minimum requirements imposed under State licensing procedures of (10-144A CMR 205) 'Tent and Recreational Vehicle Parks...'"
 - This was not evaluated by the planning board. An approved state license should be specified as a condition of approval.
- Ref A.1. "...all campground and/or RV park sites or structures shall be located at least 100 feet from any property line and 200 feet from any residence, exclusive of the residence belonging to the owner."
 - Proposed distance from back of sites to property lines to the north: approximately 66 ft (width of B&A ROW). The proposed plan does not meet this standard. The proposed plan does appear to meet the 200 ft standard for separation from residences.
- Ref A.2 "Sites shall be laid out and screened in such a manner that none are within view from public roads or existing residence. Any combination of evergreen planting, landscaped earthen berms, or solid fencing may be used to achieve this screening standards, when sites would otherwise be visible from the locations described above."
 - Sites are clearly visible in some areas along Limestone Street, due to the clearing of trees that has already occurred. The proposed plan does not meet this standard.
- Ref A.4 "Tent sites and RV sites shall be laid out so that the density of each developed acre of land shall not exceed the standards below (in terms of sites per acre of land, excluding circulation roads)." Max density in shoreland areas is 7 sites/acre
 - O Dimensions of proposed developed area, not including 24' traveled way: approximately $550 \times 75 = 41250 \text{ sf} = .947 \text{ acre}$. This results in a density of 9 sites in 0.947 acres = 9.53 sites/acre. The proposed plan does not meet this standard.
 - Ken asserted that the density should be computed using the entire lot area of 3.5 acres or so, but that does not appear to be correct. The wording clearly indicates that the density standard relates to the number of sites divided by the area that is being developed.
- Ref A.5 "The minimum frontage of a tent site or RV site along any shoreline of a waterbody shall be 100 feet."
 - Proposed frontage: 50 ft per lot. The proposed plan does not meet this standard.
- Ref A.5 "The minimum setback from the normal high-water line shall be 100 feet for all tent sites or RV sites, other vehicles, and temporary or permanent structures."
 - o The submitted site layout plan is unclear on the location of the high water mark. A red dashed line on the plan is labelled "HIGH WATER LINE" but was explained by applicant to be a line marked by DEP as a 75' setback from the high water line. If this is true, then the proposed site locations appear to meet the 100' setback standard.
- Ref B.1 "A minimum of three hundred (300) square feet of off-street parking plus maneuvering space shall be provided for each tent site or RV site."

- o Initial interpretation of the site plan assessed proposed vehicle parking areas of approximately 10 x 25 = 250 sf. Applicant explained that the 40 x 20 ft area indicated on the plan was meant to accommodate the RV, leaving an area of 30 x 25 ft = 750 sf for parking. If this is true, then the proposed plan does meet this standard.
- Ref B.3 "Standards for the construction of roads and/or driveways and drainage systems, culverts and other related features in the Shoreland Zone can be found in Sec 13-500 Shoreland Zoning Ordinance, 15, Land Use Standards H, Roads and Driveways"
- Ref C.1 "Each tent site or RV site shall be provided with a picnic table and trash receptacle. The park management shall dispose of refuse from said containers by transporting the refuse in a closed truck or in enclosed containers or bags to an approved disposal area at least once every three (3) days."
 - A single dumpster is proposed. No picnic tables or individual site trash receptacles are specified. The proposed plan does not meet this standard.
- Ref C.3 "Fire extinguishers capable of dealing with electrical and wood fires shall be kept in all service buildings."
 - This standard contemplates the presence of service buildings that would house the fire extinguishers. No service buildings or fire extinguishers are specified. The proposal does not meet this standard. It appears that in order to meet this standard, a plan to provide fire extinguishers located throughout the campground is required. Recommend that applicant consult with Fire Chief to determine number, type, and placement of required fire extinguishers.
- Ref D.2 "A soil erosion and sedimentation control plan approved by the County Soil and Water Conservation District shall be submitted. In addition to data on soils, slopes, and drainage, a vegetation map showing the following items may be required."
 - No soil erosion and sedimentation control plan provided. The proposal does not meet this standard.

Ch 13-500 Shoreland Zoning Ordinance

- Ref para 14 p 828, Note (at bottom of page) "A person performing any of the following activities shall require a permit from the Department of Environmental Protection, pursuant to 38 M.R.S.A. section 480-C, if the activity occurs in, on, over or adjacent to any freshwater wetland, great pond, river, stream or brook and operates in such a manner that material or soil may be washed into them: A. Dredging, bulldozing, removing or displacing soil, sand, vegetation or other materials"
 - Significant bulldozing, disturbance of soil, and removal of vegetation has already occurred within the shoreland zone. Applicant stated that he has the required DEP permit in hand. This should be included in the application package for the record and be specified as a condition of approval.
- Ref 15.D(1) "Campgrounds shall contain a minimum of five thousand (5,000) square feet of land, not including roads and driveways, for each site."

- Proposed dimensions of each site: 50 x 75 = 3750 sf. The proposed plan does not meet this standard.
- Ref 15.H(1) "Roads and driveways shall be set back at least one-hundred (100) feet, horizontal distance, from the normal high-water line of a great pond classified GPA or a river that flows to a great pond classified GPA, and seventy-five (75) feet, horizontal distance from the normal highwater line of other water bodies, tributary streams, or the upland edge of a wetland unless no reasonable alternative exists as determined by the Planning Board. If no other reasonable alternative exists, the road and/or driveway setback requirement shall be no less than fifty (50) feet, horizontal distance, upon clear showing by the applicant that appropriate techniques will be used to prevent sedimentation of the water body, tributary stream, or wetland.
 - Proposed driveway setback: 80 100+ ft.

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- Need to determine whether the Aroostook River should be treated as a "river" for the purposes of our review or as a "other water bodies," in order to apply the correct setback standard.
- In any case, the proposed plan appears to meet, or mostly meet the intent of this standard.
- Ref 15.H "The following standards shall apply to the construction of roads and/or driveways and drainage systems, culverts and other related features."
 - No information provided by applicant in this area. The board requires detailed design information to demonstrate that the plan complies with the standards of this section.
- Ref 15.J Storm Water Runoff -- "The Stormwater Management Law (38 M.R.S.A. section 420-D) requires a full permit to be obtained from the DEP prior to construction of a project consisting of 20,000 square feet or more of impervious area or 5 acres or more of a developed area in an urban impaired stream watershed or most-at-risk lake watershed, or a project with 1 acre or more of developed area in any other stream, coastal or wetland watershed. A permit-by-rule is necessary for a project with one acre or more of disturbed area but less than 1 acre impervious area (20,000 square feet for most-at-risk lakes and urban impaired streams) and less than 5 acres of developed area. Furthermore, a Maine Construction General Permit is required if the construction will result in one acre or more of disturbed area."
 - Applicant has proposed no storm water runoff controls. Applicant stated that he has the required permits in hand. A storm water runoff plan should be submitted to the board, to demonstrate that there will be no impact due to the significant increase in impervious surface area proposed in the shoreland zone. Permits should be included in the application package for the record and specified as a condition of approval.
- Ref 15.P Clearing or Removal of Vegetation for Activities Other Than Timber Harvesting
 - Applicant has already conducted all clearing and removal of vegetation and trees, so the Board cannot assess compliance with the standards detailed in this section.
- Ref 15.Q "All activities which involve filling, grading, excavation or other similar activities
 which result in unstabilized soil conditions and which require a permit shall also require a
 written soil erosion and sedimentation control plan. The plan shall be submitted to the
 permitting authority for approval ..."

- No soil erosion and sedimentation control plan was provided. The site plan indicates a temporary silt fence at the 75' setback line, to remain during construction, but applicant claims no need for a plan because there will be no impacts subsequent to completion of construction. The proposal does not meet this standard.
- o This requirement also is detailed in Ch 13-700, D.2. (see above).
- Ref 15.R Soils "All land uses shall be located on soils in or upon which the proposed uses or structures can be established or maintained without causing adverse environmental impacts, including severe erosion, mass soil movement, improper drainage, and water pollution, whether during or after construction. Proposed uses requiring subsurface waste disposal, and commercial or industrial development and other similar intensive land uses, shall require a soils report based on an on-site investigation and be prepared by state-certified professionals. Certified persons may include Maine Certified Soil Scientists, Maine Registered Professional Engineers, Maine State Certified Geologists and other persons who have training and experience in the recognition and evaluation of soil properties."
 - o No soils report was submitted. The proposal does not meet this standard
- Ref 15.P(2)(a) "...a footpath not to exceed six (6) feet in width as measured between tree
 trunks and/or shrub stems is allowed provided that a cleared line of sight to the water through
 the buffer strip is not created."
 - This standard applies to footpaths cut through forested or woody vegetation areas. It is not clear whether the cleared line of sight limitation would apply in the case of applicant's proposed walking paths to the river or not. Given the ambiguity, the Board should allow the straight foot paths as proposed, as long as there is no objection from DEP on the design.
- Other Lighting
 - Plan specifies lights in two locations. No technical information provided on these lights.
 Board requires details on proposed lighting, as specified in the application checklist (item 7.n)

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To:

Troy Haney

Cc:

Sheehan, Bill J; Ken Murchison

Subject:

Campground Project

Attachments:

PAGE 1.pdf; ZoningMap.pdf; Ordinance2009.pdf

Hi Troy,

I have attached a copy of Caribou's Shoreland Zoning (SLZ) Map and Ordinance. According to the zoning map, Caribou has zoned that area along the river as a General Development District which is something that I didn't realize when we met.

According to the ordinance, the General Development District does allow campgrounds with Planning Board approval (see chart on page 14) and the setback for new structures is 25' from the Normal High Water Line (NHWL) as follows (from page 16):

B. Principal and Accessory Structures

(1) All new principal and accessory structures shall be set back at least one hundred (100) feet, horizontal distance, from the normal high-water line of great ponds classified GPA and rivers that flow to great ponds classified GPA, and seventy-five (75) feet, horizontal distance, from the normal high-water line of other water bodies, tributary streams, or the upland edge of a wetland, except that in the General Development I District the setback from the normal high-water line shall be at least twenty five (25) feet, horizontal distance....

<u>However</u>, page 19 includes some additional requirements for campgrounds specifically as follows:

- **D.** Campgrounds. Campgrounds shall conform to the minimum requirements imposed under State licensing procedures and the following:
 - (1) Campgrounds shall contain a minimum of five thousand (5,000) square feet of land, not including roads and driveways, for each site. Land supporting wetland vegetation, and land below the normal high-water line of a water body shall not be included in calculating land area per site.
 - (2) The areas intended for placement of a recreational vehicle, tent or shelter, and utility and service buildings shall be set back a minimum of one hundred (100) feet, horizontal distance, from the normal high-water line of a great pond classified GPA or a river flowing to a great pond classified GPA, and seventy-five (75) feet, horizontal distance, from the normal high-water line of other water bodies, tributary streams, or the upland edge of a wetland.

Based on these SLZ requirements it appears that plan for a campground, as proposed, would be eligible for Planning Board approval as the project would meet the setback requirements as well as the minimum of 5,000 sq. ft. of land per site requirement.

The only issue I see with the plan is in regards to the accessways as these are depicted as straight paths to the river. Accessways need to be meandering paths rather than straight as straight paths tend to exacerbate issues with erosion. As long as the access will be meandering paths less than six feet in width, I do not see any concerns with the plan. One thing to note: generally only one accessway is allowed per lot, but since this lot includes well over the minimum lot size for water frontage of 200 feet, I do not see an issue with having an additional path where depicted as additional docks are allowed on a parcel when frontage conditions are similar.

As always, if a project will involve soil disturbance within 75' of the NHWL (for pathways, etc....), a Permit by Rule (PBR) would be required and I would be happy to provide more info on filing a PBR if needed.

I hope this helps....if you have questions and/or need anything else, just let me know,

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- B. Each dwelling unit shall be provided with a private space 500 square feet minimum per dwelling unit adjacent to
- C. Each dwelling unit shall be provided one (1) off-street parking space separate from customer parking.
- D. Subsurface sewage disposal, where applicable, shall be provided that complies with the State of Maine Subsurface Sewage Disposal Rules.
- E. Each dwelling unit shall have access to and use of private storage space within the individual dwelling unit or in common storage facilities.
- No access to a residential dwelling unit shall be through the commercial space.
- G. All provisions of the City Building Code, Property Maintenance Code and the Life Safety Code shall be met.

2. Archaeological Sites.

Any proposed land use activity involving structural development or soil disturbance on or adjacent to sites listed on, or eligible to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places, as determined by the CEO or Planning Board shall be submitted by the applicant to the Maine Historic Preservation Commission for review and comment, at least 20 days prior to action being taken by the CEO or Planning Board. The CEO or Planning Board shall consider comments received from the Commission prior to rendering a decision on the application.

3. Basement Drainage.

The applicant shall show that the floor of any basement(s) can be drained to the ground surface, or storm sewers, if they are required to be installed, or that the spring water table is one (1) foot below the level of the basement floor.

4. Bed and Breakfast.

- A. There shall be no less than one parking space on the property for each rental room in addition to the spaces required for the dwelling unit.
- B. There shall be one bathroom provided for the rental rooms, in addition to the bathroom for the dwelling unit.
- C. Each rental room shall have not less than ten by twelve (10 X 12) feet horizontal dimensions.

5. Buffers and Screening.

- A. A landscaped buffer strip of no less than fifteen (15) feet in width and six (6) feet in height shall be provided to minimize the visual impact of adverse characteristics such as, but not limited to, storage areas, parking spaces, driveways, loading areas, exposed machinery, sand and gravel extraction operations, and areas used for the storage or collection of discarded automobiles, auto parts, metals or any other articles of salvage or refuse, and to protect abutting residential properties from the intrusion of noise, light, and exhaust fumes from such non-residential buildings and uses. The buffer areas shall be maintained and vegetation replaced to ensure continuous year round screening.
- B. Where no natural vegetation or berms can be maintained, or due to varying site conditions, the landscaping may consist of fences, walls, tree plantings, hedges, or combinations thereof.
- C. Any abutting residential property shall be effectively screened by a continuous landscaped area no less than six (6) feet in height along lot lines adjacent to the residential properties, except that driveways shall be kept open to provide visibility for entering and leaving.
- D. Where a potential safety hazard to small children would exist, physical screening / barriers shall be used to deter entry to such premises.
- E. There shall be no paving, parking, or structures located in the buffer area.
- F. The CEO or Planning Board may allow a buffer area of less width when site conditions, such as natural features, vegetation, topography, or site improvements, such as additional landscaping, berming, fencing, or low walls, make a lesser area adequate to achieve the purposes of this Ordinance.

Campground and/or Recreational Vehicle Park.

A campground and/or recreational vehicle (RV) park shall conform to the minimum requirements imposed under State licensing procedures of (10-144A CMR 205) "Tent and Recreational Vehicle Parks..." and the following (in case of possible conflict, the stricter rule shall apply). For the purposes of this Section "RV" shall include: travel RV, pick-up coach, motor home, camping trailer, dependent RV, and self-contained RV.

A. General.

I. A campground and/or RV park shall have no less than three (3) acres in the R-2 District no less than seven (7) acres in the R-3 District. All campground and/or RV park sites (sites) or structures shall be located at least 100 feet from any property line and 200 feet from any residence, exclusive of the residence belonging to the owner.

- 2. Sites shall be laid out and screened in such a manner that none are within view from public roads or existing residence. Any combination of evergreen planting, landscaped earthen berms, or solid fencing may be used to achieve this screening standards, when sites would otherwise be visible from the locations described above.
- 3. No trailers or mobile homes, other than RVs, shall be permitted within any campground and/or RV park, temporarily or otherwise. No RVs shall be stored or exhibited for sale within the campground and/or RV park. Permanent or long-term dwellings or shelter devices are specifically prohibited.
- 4. Tent sites and RV sites shall be laid out so that the density of each developed acre of land shall not exceed the standards below (in terms of sites per acre of land, excluding circulation roads). Land supporting wetland vegetation, and land below the normal high-water line of a water body shall not be included in calculating land area per site.

	Non-Shoreland	Shoreland Areas
Tent Sites	14 per acre	8 per acre
RV and Travel Trailer Sites	11 per acre	7 per acre

- 5. The minimum frontage of a tent site or RV site along any shoreline of a waterbody shall be 100 feet. The minimum setback from the normal high-water line shall be 100 feet for all tent sites or RV sites, other vehicles, and temporary or permanent structures.
- 6. Use of tent sites or RV sites located within a Resource Protections District or within the 100-year floodplain shall be prohibited between March 1 and May 31 and during seasonal flooding events.
- 7. Recreational Vehicles located within Zones A1-30, as indicated on the National Flood Insurance Program Rate Maps (FIRM) shall either:
 - a. Be on the site for fewer than 180 consecutive days.
 - b. Be fully licensed and ready for highway use. A recreational vehicle is ready for highway use if it is on its wheels or jacking system, is attached to the site only by quick disconnect type utilities and security devices and has no permanently attached additions; or
 - c. Meet the permit requirements of elevation and anchoring requirements for "manufactured home" in Flood Hazard Area regulations 13-606. H. a & b.

B. Parking and Circulation.

- 1. A minimum of three hundred (300) square feet of off-street parking plus maneuvering space shall be provided for each tent site or RV site. RVs shall be parked in spaces so that:
 - a. There shall be a minimum of 50 feet between vehicles; and
 - b. There shall be a minimum of 75 feet between all RVs and tents, and all public rights-of-way located inside the boundaries of the campground.
- 2. Vehicular access shall be provided onto a hard-surfaced adequate for the volume and type of traffic likely to be generated. Grades and sight distances specified in the Road Design and Construction Standards, within these Ordinances, shall be observed in designing all intersections. Roads shall be constructed of at least 12" of bankrun gravel (no stone larger than 4"), 2" of crushed gravel (1/2" chips) and two (2) applications of liquid asphalt (1/2 gallon per sq. yd. each application). The minimum width of roadways shall be twelve (12) feet for one-way roads and twenty-two (22) feet for two-way roads. No vehicle parking shall be permitted on the roadway.
- 3. Standards for the construction of roads and/or driveways and drainage systems, culverts and other related features applicable in the Shoreland Zone can be found in Sec. 13-500 Shoreland Zoning Ordinance. 15. Land Use Standards H. Roads and Driveways.

C. Health and Safety.

- 1. Each tent site or RV site shall be provided with a picnic table and trash receptacle. The park management shall dispose of refuse from said containers by transporting the refuse in a closed truck or in enclosed containers or bags to an approved disposal area at least once every three (3) days.
- 2. A campground and/or RV park shall provide water and sewerage disposal systems, sanitary facilities, and convenience facilities in accordance with the regulations of 10-144A CMR 205 and the "State of Maine Subsurface Wastewater Disposal Rules". All RV sites shall be equipped with water and sewage hook-ups, and connected to approved distribution or disposal systems.
- 3. Fire extinguishers capable of dealing with electrical and wood fires shall be kept in all service buildings. A suitable ingress and egress shall be provided so that the campground or RV park may be readily serviced in emergency situations. 24-hour emergency communication service (e.g. telephones) shall be provided.

D. Planning and Review.

- Roads, parking, sites, and required facilities shall be planned in accordance with the basic principles outlined below, and shall be shown on the proposed plan which is submitted for review and approval.
 - A logical sequence of entry and circulation should be created: entrance, administration, storage, parking, sites, toilets, laundry, playing fields, or shoreline.
 - b. Sites should be clustered in groups according to intensity of use (low density, medium density, etc.) and also related to common support service areas (laundries, play areas, etc.) serving a number of site clusters. The purpose is to minimize road length, increase accessibility, and preserve open space.
 - c. Footpaths and roads should follow "desired lines" of pedestrian and vehicular movement between sites and all jointly used facilities. Parking areas may be grassed, reinforced with open concrete blocks.
 - d. Access roads shall be laid out as loops to the greatest extent practicable, although "cul-de-sacs" or "deadends" may be allowed to serve up to twenty (20) campsites.
- A soil erosion and sedimentation control plan approved by the County Soil and Water Conservation District shall be submitted. In addition to data on soils, slopes, and drainage, a vegetation map showing the following items may be required:
 - The major types of vegetation should be identified and described (as to age, height, openness or density, and pattern, either natural or reforested).
 - b. New planting should be selected to provide screening and shelter, to tolerate existing and proposed site conditions, and blending compatibly with existing natural vegetation.
 - c. All vegetative clearing should avoid creating straight line edges between open land and surviving stands.
 - d. Areas of activity and/or traffic should be sited to avoid wildlife areas (such as thickets for birds and small mammals, or deer yards and trails).

Historical Note: Section 13-700 §6 as amended June 14, 2021.

7. Disposal of Solid Waste.

If the additional solid waste from the proposed development exceeds the capacity of the City's solid waste facility, causes the City's facility to no longer be in compliance with its license from the Department of Environmental Protection, or causes the City to exceed its contract with a non-city's facility, the applicant shall make alternate arrangements for the disposal of solid waste. The alternate arrangements shall be at a disposal facility which is in compliance with its license. The CEO or Planning Board may not require the alternate arrangement to exceed a period of five years.

8. Easements for Natural Drainage Ways.

Where a development is traversed by a natural water course, drainage way, channel, or stream, there shall be provided a stormwater easement or drainage right-of-way conforming substantially with the lines of such water course and such further width or construction, or both, as will assure that no flooding occurs and all stormwater can be disposed of properly.

3. Electro-Magnetic Interference.

No use, activity, or process shall be conducted which produces electro-magnetic interference in the transmission or reception of electrical impulses beyond the lot lines, including radio and television. In all cases federal, state, and local requirements shall be met. Violation of this standard shall be considered a nuisance.

10. Erosion and Sedimentation Control.

- A. The procedures outlined in a erosion and sedimentation control plan shall follow Best Management Policies (BMPs) and shall be implemented during the site preparation, construction, and clean-up stages.
- B. All earth changes shall be designed, constructed, and completed in such a manner so that the exposed area of any disturbed land shall be limited to the shortest period of time possible.
- C. The proposed development shall prevent sediment caused by accelerated soil erosion from entering water bodies, freshwater wetlands, and adjacent properties.
- D. Any temporary or permanent facility designed and constructed for the conveyance of water around, through, or from the development shall be designed to limit the water flow to a non-erosive velocity.
- E. Permanent soil erosion control measures for all slopes, channels, ditches, or any disturbed land area shall be completed within fifteen (15) calendar days after final grading has been completed. When it is not possible or

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Shoreland Zoning Ordinance for the Municipality of

Caribou, Maine

- 1. Purposes. The purposes of this Ordinance are to further the maintenance of safe and healthful conditions; to prevent and control water pollution; to protect fish spawning grounds, aquatic life, bird and other wildlife habitat; to protect buildings and lands from flooding and accelerated erosion; to protect archaeological and historic resources; to protect freshwater wetlands; to control building sites, placement of structures and land uses; to conserve shore cover, and visual as well as actual points of access to inland waters; to conserve natural beauty and open space; and to anticipate and respond to the impacts of development in shoreland areas.
- 2. Authority. This Ordinance has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Title 38 sections 435-449 of the Maine Revised Statutes Annotated (M.R.S.A.).
- 3. Applicability. This Ordinance applies to all land areas within 250 feet, horizontal distance, of the
 - normal high-water line of any great pond or river, or
 - upland edge of a freshwater wetland,

and all land areas within 75 feet, horizontal distance, of the normal high-water line of a stream.

This Ordinance also applies to any structure built on, over or abutting a dock, wharf or pier, or other structure extending or located below the normal high-water line of a water body or within a wetland.

4. Effective Date

A. Effective Date of Ordinance and Ordinance Amendments. This Ordinance, which was adopted by the municipal legislative body on ______, 2009, shall not be effective unless approved by the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection. A certified copy of the Ordinance, or Ordinance Amendment, attested and signed by the Municipal Clerk, shall be forwarded to the Commissioner for approval. If the Commissioner fails to act on this Ordinance or Ordinance Amendment, within forty-five (45) days of his/her receipt of the Ordinance, or Ordinance Amendment, it shall be automatically approved.

Any application for a permit submitted to the municipality within the forty-five (45) day period shall be governed by the terms of this Ordinance, or Ordinance Amendment, if the Ordinance, or Ordinance Amendment, is approved by the Commissioner.

- B. Repeal of Municipal Timber Harvesting Regulation. The municipal regulation of timber harvesting activities is repealed on the statutory date established under 38 M.R.S.A. section 438-B(5), at which time the State of Maine Department of Conservation's Bureau of Forestry shall administer timber harvesting standards in the shoreland zone. On the date established under 38 M.R.S.A section 438-B(5), the following provisions of this Ordinance are repealed:
 - Section 14. Table of Land Uses, Item 3 (Forest management activities except for timber harvesting) and Item 4 (Timber harvesting);
 - Section 15(O) in its entirety; and

• Section 17. Definitions, the definitions of "forest management activities", "residual basal area", "skid trail", and "slash".

NOTE: The statutory date established under 38 M.R.S.A. section 438-B(5) is the effective date of state-wide timber harvesting standards. That date is "the first day of January of the 2nd year following the year in which the Commissioner of Conservation determines that at least 252 of the 336 municipalities identified by the Commissioner of Conservation as the municipalities with the highest acreage of timber harvesting activity on an annual basis for the period 1992-2003 have either accepted the state-wide standards or have adopted an ordinance identical to the state-wide standards."

38 M.R.S.A. section 438-B(5) further provides that "the Commissioner of Conservation shall notify the Secretary of State in writing and advise the Secretary of the effective date of the state-wide standards."

- 5. Availability. A certified copy of this Ordinance shall be filed with the Municipal Clerk and shall be accessible to any member of the public. Copies shall be made available to the public at reasonable cost at the expense of the person making the request. Notice of availability of this Ordinance shall be posted.
- 6. Severability. Should any section or provision of this Ordinance be declared by the courts to be invalid, such decision shall not invalidate any other section or provision of the Ordinance.
- 7. Conflicts with Other Ordinances. Whenever a provision of this Ordinance conflicts with or is inconsistent with another provision of this Ordinance or of any other ordinance, regulation or statute administered by the municipality, the more restrictive provision shall control.
- 8. Amendments. This Ordinance may be amended by majority vote of the legislative body. Copies of amendments, attested and signed by the Municipal Clerk, shall be submitted to the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection following adoption by the municipal legislative body and shall not be effective unless approved by the Commissioner. If the Commissioner fails to act on any amendment within forty-five (45) days of his/her receipt of the amendment, the amendment is automatically approved. Any application for a permit submitted to the municipality within the forty-five (45) day period shall be governed by the terms of the amendment, if such amendment is approved by the Commissioner.

9. Districts and Zoning Map

- A. Official Shoreland Zoning Map. The areas to which this Ordinance is applicable are hereby divided into the following districts as shown on the Official Shoreland Zoning Map(s) which is (are) made a part of this Ordinance:
 - (1) Resource Protection
 - (2) Limited Residential
 - (3) Limited Commercial
 - (4) General Development I
 - (5) General Development II
 - (6) Stream Protection

- B. Scale of Map. The Official Shoreland Zoning Map shall be drawn at a scale of 1 inch = 2000 feet. District boundaries shall be clearly delineated and a legend indicating the symbols for each district shall be placed on the map.
- C. Certification of Official Shoreland Zoning Map. The Official Shoreland Zoning Map shall be certified by the attested signature of the Municipal Clerk and shall be located in the municipal office. In the event the municipality does not have a municipal office, the Municipal Clerk shall be the custodian of the map.
- D. Changes to the Official Shoreland Zoning Map. If amendments, in accordance with Section 8, are made in the district boundaries or other matter portrayed on the Official Shoreland Zoning Map, such changes shall be made on the Official Shoreland Zoning Map within thirty (30) days after the amendment has been approved by the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection.
- 10. Interpretation of District Boundaries. Unless otherwise set forth on the Official Shoreland Zoning Map, district boundary lines are property lines, the centerlines of streets, roads and rights of way, and the boundaries of the shoreland area as defined herein. Where uncertainty exists as to the exact location of district boundary lines, the Board of Appeals shall be the final authority as to location.
- 11. Land Use Requirements. Except as hereinafter specified, no building, structure or land shall hereafter be used or occupied, and no building or structure or part thereof shall hereafter be erected, constructed, expanded, moved, or altered and no new lot shall be created except in conformity with all of the regulations herein specified for the district in which it is located, unless a variance is granted.

12. Non-conformance.

A. Purpose. It is the intent of this Ordinance to promote land use conformities, except that non-conforming conditions that existed before the effective date of this Ordinance or amendments thereto shall be allowed to continue, subject to the requirements set forth in Section 12. Except as otherwise provided in this Ordinance, a non-conforming condition shall not be permitted to become more non-conforming.

B. General

- (1) Transfer of Ownership. Non-conforming structures, lots, and uses may be transferred, and the new owner may continue the non-conforming use or continue to use the non-conforming structure or lot, subject to the provisions of this Ordinance.
- (2) Repair and Maintenance. This Ordinance allows, without a permit, the normal upkeep and maintenance of non-conforming uses and structures including repairs or renovations that do not involve expansion of the non-conforming use or structure, and such other changes in a non-conforming use or structure as federal, state, or local building and safety codes may require.

NOTE: See Section 17 for the definitions of non-conforming structures, non-conforming uses and non-conforming lots.

C. Non-conforming Structures

- (1) Expansions. A non-conforming structure may be added to or expanded after obtaining a permit from the same permitting authority as that for a new structure, if such addition or expansion does not increase the non-conformity of the structure and is in accordance with subparagraphs (a) and (b) below.
 - (a) After January 1, 1989 if any portion of a structure is less than the required setback from the normal high-water line of a water body or tributary stream or the upland edge of a wetland, that portion of the structure shall not be expanded, as measured in floor area or volume, by 30% or more, during the lifetime of the structure. If a replacement structure conforms with the requirements of Section 12(C)(3), and is less than the required setback from a water body, tributary stream or wetland, the replacement structure may not be expanded if the original structure existing on January 1, 1989 had been expanded by 30% in floor area and volume since that date.
 - (b) Whenever a new, enlarged, or replacement foundation is constructed under a non-conforming structure, the structure and new foundation must be placed such that the setback requirement is met to the greatest practical extent as determined by the Planning Board or its designee, basing its decision on the criteria specified in Section 12(C)(2) Relocation, below. If the completed foundation does not extend beyond the exterior dimensions of the structure, except for expansion in conformity with Section 12(C)(1)(a) above, and the foundation does not cause the structure to be elevated by more than three (3) additional feet, as measured from the uphill side of the structure (from original ground level to the bottom of the first floor sill), it shall not be considered to be an expansion of the structure.
- (2) Relocation. A non-conforming structure may be relocated within the boundaries of the parcel on which the structure is located provided that the site of relocation conforms to all setback requirements to the greatest practical extent as determined by the Planning Board or its designee, and provided that the applicant demonstrates that the present subsurface sewage disposal system meets the requirements of State law and the State of Maine Subsurface Wastewater Disposal Rules (Rules), or that a new system can be installed in compliance with the law and said Rules. In no case shall a structure be relocated in a manner that causes the structure to be more non-conforming.

In determining whether the building relocation meets the setback to the greatest practical extent, the Planning Board or its designee shall consider the size of the lot, the slope of the land, the potential for soil erosion, the location of other structures on the property and on adjacent properties, the location of the septic system and other on-site soils suitable for septic systems, and the type and amount of vegetation to be removed to accomplish the relocation. When it is necessary to remove vegetation within the water or wetland setback area in order

to relocate a structure, the Planning Board shall require replanting of native vegetation to compensate for the destroyed vegetation. In addition, the area from which the relocated structure was removed must be replanted with vegetation. Replanting shall be required as follows:

(a) Trees removed in order to relocate a structure must be replanted with at least one native tree, three (3) feet in height, for every tree removed. If more than five trees are planted, no one species of tree shall make up more than 50% of the number of trees planted. Replaced trees must be planted no further from the water or wetland than the trees that were removed.

Other woody and herbaceous vegetation, and ground cover, that are removed or destroyed in order to relocate a structure must be re-established. An area at least the same size as the area where vegetation and/or ground cover was disturbed, damaged, or removed must be reestablished within the setback area. The vegetation and/or ground cover must consist of similar native vegetation and/or ground cover that was disturbed, destroyed or removed.

- (b) Where feasible, when a structure is relocated on a parcel the original location of the structure shall be replanted with vegetation which may consist of grasses, shrubs, trees, or a combination thereof.
- (3) Reconstruction or Replacement. Any non-conforming structure which is located less than the required setback from a water body, tributary stream, or wetland and which is removed, or damaged or destroyed, regardless of the cause, by more than 50% of the market value of the structure before such damage, destruction or removal, may be reconstructed or replaced provided that a permit is obtained within eighteen (18) months of the date of said damage, destruction, or removal, and provided that such reconstruction or replacement is in compliance with the water body, tributary stream or wetland setback requirement to the greatest practical extent as determined by the Planning Board or its designee in accordance with the purposes of this Ordinance. In no case shall a structure be reconstructed or replaced so as to increase its non-conformity. If the reconstructed or replacement structure is less than the required setback it shall not be any larger than the original structure, except as allowed pursuant to Section 12(C)(1) above, as determined by the non-conforming floor area and volume of the reconstructed or replaced structure at its new location. If the total amount of floor area and volume of the original structure can be relocated or reconstructed beyond the required setback area, no portion of the relocated or reconstructed structure shall be replaced or constructed at less than the setback requirement for a new structure. When it is necessary to remove vegetation in order to replace or reconstruct a structure, vegetation shall be replanted in accordance with Section 12(C)(2) above.

Any non-conforming structure which is located less than the required setback from a water body, tributary stream, or wetland and which is removed by 50% or less of the market value, or damaged or destroyed by 50% or less of the market value of the structure, excluding normal maintenance and repair, may be reconstructed in place if a permit is obtained from the Code Enforcement Officer within one year of such damage, destruction, or removal.

In determining whether the building reconstruction or replacement meets the setback to the greatest practical extent the Planning Board or its designee shall consider, in addition to the criteria in Section 12(C)(2) above, the physical condition and type of foundation present, if any.

(4) Change of Use of a Non-conforming Structure. The use of a non-conforming structure may not be changed to another use unless the Planning Board, after receiving a written application, determines that the new use will have no greater adverse impact on the water body, tributary stream, or wetland, or on the subject or adjacent properties and resources than the existing use.

In determining that no greater adverse impact will occur, the Planning Board shall require written documentation from the applicant, regarding the probable effects on public health and safety, erosion and sedimentation, water quality, fish and wildlife habitat, vegetative cover, visual and actual points of public access to waters, natural beauty, floodplain management, archaeological and historic resources, and functionally water-dependent uses.

D. Non-conforming Uses

- (1) Expansions. Expansions of non-conforming uses are prohibited, except that non-conforming residential uses may, after obtaining a permit from the Planning Board, be expanded within existing residential structures or within expansions of such structures as allowed in Section 12(C)(1)(a) above.
- (2) Resumption Prohibited. A lot, building or structure in or on which a non-conforming use is discontinued for a period exceeding one year, or which is superseded by a conforming use, may not again be devoted to a non-conforming use except that the Planning Board may, for good cause shown by the applicant, grant up to a one year extension to that time period. This provision shall not apply to the resumption of a use of a residential structure provided that the structure has been used or maintained for residential purposes during the preceding five (5) year period.
- (3) Change of Use. An existing non-conforming use may be changed to another non-conforming use provided that the proposed use has no greater adverse impact on the subject and adjacent properties and resources than the former use, as determined by the Planning Board. The determination of no greater adverse impact shall be made according to criteria listed in Section 12(C)(4) above.

E. Non-conforming Lots

(1) Non-conforming Lots: A non-conforming lot of record as of the effective date of this Ordinance or amendment thereto may be built upon, without the need for a variance, provided that such lot is in separate ownership and not contiguous with any other lot in the same ownership, and that all provisions of this Ordinance except lot area, lot width and shore frontage can be met. Variances relating to setback or other requirements not involving lot area, lot width or shore frontage shall be obtained by action of the Board of Appeals.

(2) Contiguous Built Lots: If two or more contiguous lots or parcels are in a single or joint ownership of record at the time of adoption of this Ordinance, if all or part of the lots do not meet the dimensional requirements of this Ordinance, and if a principal use or structure exists on each lot, the non-conforming lots may be conveyed separately or together, provided that the State Minimum Lot Size Law (12 M.R.S.A. sections 4807-A through 4807-D) and the State of Maine Subsurface Wastewater Disposal Rules are complied with.

If two or more principal uses or structures existed on a single lot of record on the effective date of this ordinance, each may be sold on a separate lot provided that the above referenced law and rules are complied with. When such lots are divided each lot thus created must be as conforming as possible to the dimensional requirements of this Ordinance.

(3) Contiguous Lots - Vacant or Partially Built: If two or more contiguous lots or parcels are in single or joint ownership of record at the time of or since adoption or amendment of this Ordinance, if any of these lots do not individually meet the dimensional requirements of this Ordinance or subsequent amendments, and if one or more of the lots are vacant or contain no principal structure the lots shall be combined to the extent necessary to meet the dimensional requirements.

13. Establishment of Districts

- A. Resource Protection District. The Resource Protection District includes areas in which development would adversely affect water quality, productive habitat, biological ecosystems, or scenic and natural values. This district shall include the following areas when they occur within the limits of the shoreland zone, exclusive of the Stream Protection District, except that areas which are currently developed and areas which meet the criteria for the Limited Commercial or General Development I Districts need not be included within the Resource Protection District.
 - (1) Areas within 250 feet, horizontal distance, of the upland edge of freshwater wetlands, and wetlands associated with great ponds and rivers, which are rated "moderate" or "high" value waterfowl and wading bird habitat, including nesting and feeding areas, by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (MDIF&W) that are depicted on a Geographic Information System (GIS) data layer maintained by either MDIF&W or the Department as of December 31, 2008. For the purposes of this paragraph "wetlands associated with great ponds and rivers" shall mean areas characterized by non-forested wetland vegetation and hydric soils that are contiguous with a great pond or river, and have a surface elevation at or below the water level of the great pond or river during the period of normal high water. "Wetlands associated with great ponds or rivers" are considered to be part of that great pond or river.

NOTE: The Natural Resources Protection Act, 38 M.S.R.A. sections 480-A through 480-Z, requires the Department of Environmental Protection to designate areas of "significant wildlife habitat". Significant wildlife habitat includes:

Habitat for species appearing on the official state or federal lists of endangered or threatened species; high and moderate value deer wintering areas and travel corridors as defined by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife; high and moderate value waterfowl and wading bird habitats, including nesting and feeding areas as defined by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife; critical spawning and nursery areas for Atlantic sea run salmon as defined by the Atlantic Sea Run Salmon Commission; and shorebird nesting, feeding and staging areas and seabird nesting islands as defined by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

- (2) Floodplains along rivers and floodplains along artificially formed great ponds along rivers, defined by the 100 year floodplain as designated on the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Maps or Flood Hazard Boundary Maps, or the flood of record, or in the absence of these, by soil types identified as recent floodplain soils.
- (3) Areas of two or more contiguous acres with sustained slopes of 20% or greater.
- (4) Areas of two (2) or more contiguous acres supporting wetland vegetation and hydric soils, which are not part of a freshwater wetland as defined, and which are not surficially connected to a water body during the period of normal high water.

NOTE: These areas usually consist of forested wetlands abutting water bodies and non-forested wetlands.

- (5) Land areas along rivers subject to severe bank erosion, undercutting, or river bed movement.
- B. Limited Residential District. The Limited Residential District includes those areas suitable for residential and recreational development. It includes areas other than those in the Resource Protection District, or Stream Protection District, and areas which are used less intensively than those in the Limited Commercial District or the General Development Districts.
- C. Limited Commercial District. The Limited Commercial District includes areas of mixed, light commercial and residential uses, exclusive of the Stream Protection District, which should not be developed as intensively as the General Development Districts. This district includes areas of two or more contiguous acres in size devoted to a mix of residential and low intensity business and commercial uses. Industrial uses are prohibited.
- D. General Development I District. The General Development I District includes the following types of existing, intensively developed areas:
 - (1) Areas of two or more contiguous acres devoted to commercial, industrial or intensive recreational activities, or a mix of such activities, including but not limited to the following:
 - (a) Areas devoted to manufacturing, fabricating or other industrial activities;
 - (b) Areas devoted to wholesaling, warehousing, retail trade and service activities, or other commercial activities; and

- (c) Areas devoted to intensive recreational development and activities, such as, but not limited to amusement parks, race tracks and fairgrounds.
- (2) Areas otherwise discernible as having patterns of intensive commercial, industrial or recreational uses.
- E. General Development II District. The General Development II District includes the same types of areas as those listed for the General Development I District. The General Development II District, however, shall be applied to newly established General Development Districts where the pattern of development at the time of adoption is undeveloped or not as intensively developed as that of the General Development I District.

Portions of the General Development District I or II may also include residential development. However, no area shall be designated as a General Development I or II District based solely on residential use.

In areas adjacent to great ponds classified GPA and adjacent to rivers flowing to great ponds classified GPA, the designation of an area as a General Development District shall be based upon uses existing at the time of adoption of this Ordinance. There shall be no newly established General Development Districts or expansions in area of existing General Development Districts adjacent to great ponds classified GPA, and adjacent to rivers that flow to great ponds classified GPA.

- F. Stream Protection District. The Stream Protection District includes all land areas within seventy-five (75) feet, horizontal distance, of the normal high-water line of a stream, exclusive of those areas within two-hundred and fifty (250) feet, horizontal distance, of the normal high-water line of a great pond, or river, or within two hundred and fifty (250) feet, horizontal distance, of the upland edge of a freshwater wetland. Where a stream and its associated shoreland area are located within two-hundred and fifty (250) feet, horizontal distance, of the above water bodies or wetlands, that land area shall be regulated under the terms of the shoreland district associated with that water body or wetlands.
- 14. Table of Land Uses. All land use activities, as indicated in Table 1, Land Uses in the Shoreland Zone, shall conform with all of the applicable land use standards in Section 15. The district designation for a particular site shall be determined from the Official Shoreland Zoning Map.

Key to Table 1:

Yes - Allowed (no permit required but the use must comply with all applicable land use standards.)

No - Prohibited

PB - Allowed with permit issued by the Planning Board.

CEO - Allowed with permit issued by the Code Enforcement Officer

LPI - Allowed with permit issued by the Local Plumbing Inspector

Abbreviations:

RP - Resource Protection

GD General Development I and General Development II

LR - Limited Residential

LC - Limited Commercial

SP - Stream Protection

TABLE 1. LAND USES IN THE SHORELAND ZONE

LAND USES			_	ISTRICT	•
	ŞP	RP	LR	<u>LC</u>	<u>GD</u>
. Non-intensive recreational uses not requiring structures such as				100020	7935Z A
hunting, fishing and hiking	уез	yes	yes	yes	уев
Motorized vehicular traffic on existing roads and trails	yes	yes	yes	yes	Y63
. Forest management activities except for timber harvesting	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
. Timber harvesting	yes	CEO	yes	yes	yes
. Clearing or removal of vegetation for activities other than timber harvesting	CEO		yes	yes	yes
Fire prevention activities	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
. Wildlife management practices	yes	yes	yes	yes	Yes
3. Soil and water conservation practices	yes	yes	yes ²	yes yes ²	yes 2
). Minoral exploration	no	yes ²	PB		PB
O. Mineral extraction including sand and gravel extraction	no			PB	
1. Surveying and resource analysis	yes	yes	үөв	yes	уез
12. Emergency operations	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
13. Agriculture	Yes	PB	yes	Y03	yes
14. Aqueculture	РВ	PB	PB	уөз	yes
15. Principal structures and uses	PB4	PB8	CEO	CEO	CEO
A. One and two family residential, including driveways			PB	PB	PB
B. Multi-unit residential	no No ⁹	No ⁹	No ⁹	PB	PB
C. Commercial			no	no	PB PB
D. Industrial	по	no	PB	PB	PB
E. Governmental and institutional	no PB ⁴	PΒ	CEO	CEO	CEO
F.Small non-residential facilities for educational, scientific, or nature	PB.	PB	CEU	CEU	CEO
Interpretation purposes	P8 ⁴	PBR	CEO	CEO	yes
16. Structures accessory to allowed uses	ro	FD	CLO	020	100
17. Piers, docks, wherfs, bridges and other structures and uses extending over or					
below the normal high-water line or within a wetland a. Temporary	CEO 10	CEO 10	CEO ¹⁰	CEO 10	CEO 10
a. Temporary b. Permanent	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB
18. Conversions of seasonal residences to year-round residences	LPI	LPI	LPI	LPI	LPI
19. Home occupations	PB	PB	PB	CEO	yes
20. Private sawage disposal systems for allowed uses	LPI	LPI	LPI	LPI	LPI
21. Essential services					
A. Roadside distribution lines (34.5kV and lower)	CEO ⁵	CEO ⁵	yes	yes ¹¹	yos ¹¹
B. Non-roadside or cross-country distribution lines involving ten poles or less in th		PB ⁸	CEO	CEO	CEO
	PB	FG			
shoreland zone C. Non-roadside or cross-country distribution lines involving eleven or more poles	in PB ⁵	PB ⁵	PB	PB	PB
the shoreland zone		18080			
D. Other assential services	PB ^S	PB ⁵	PB	PB	PB
	Yes		yes	Yes	yes
22. Service drops, as defined, to allowed uses	PB	yes PB	PB	CEO	CEO
23. Public and private recreational areas involving minimal structural development	CEO	CEO	CEO	CEO	CEO
24. Individual, private campaltes		No ⁶	PB	PB	PB
25. Campgrounds	NO PB	No 7	PB	rB	PB
26. Road construction		Nog	PB	PB	PB
27. Parking facilities	No	No-			
	PÐ	no	PB	PB	PB
28. Marinas	CEO	CEO	yes	yes	yes
28. Marinas 29. Filling and earth moving of <10 cubic yards			OCO	CEO	CEO
	PB	PB	CEO		
29. Filling and earth moving of <10 cubic yards	Yes	299	yes	yes	yes
29. Filling and earth moving of <10 cubic yerds 30. Filling and earth moving of >10 cubic yards	Yes CEO	yes CEO	yes CEO	yes CEO	yes CEO
29. Filling and earth moving of <10 cubic yards 30. Filling and earth moving of >10 cubic yards 31. Signs	Yes	299	yes	yes	yes

Footnotes for Land uses in the Shoreland Zone:

- 1 In RP not allowed within 75 feet horizontal distance, of the normal high-water line of great ponds, except to remove safety hazards.
- 2 Requires permit from the Code Enforcement Officer if more than 100 square feet of surface area, in total, is disturbed.
- 3 In RP not allowed in areas so designated because of wildlife value.
- 4 Provided that a variance from the setback requirement is obtained from the Board of Appeals.
- 5 See further restrictions in Section 15(L)(2).
- 6 Except when area is zoned for resource protection due to floodplain criteria in which case a permit is required from the PB.
- 7 Except as provided in Section 15(H)(4).
- 8 Single family residential structures may be allowed by special exception only according to the provisions of Section 16(E), Special Exceptions. Two-family residential structures are prohibited.
- 9 Except for commercial uses otherwise listed in this Table, such as marinas and campgrounds, that are allowed in the respective district.
- 10 Excluding bridges and other crossings not involving earthwork, in which case no permit is required.
- 11 Permit not required but must file a written "notice of intent to construct" with CEO.
- NOTE: A person performing any of the following activities shall require a permit from the Department of Environmental Protection, pursuant to 38 M.R.S.A. section 480-C, if the activity occurs in, on, over or adjacent to any freshwater wetland, great pond, river, stream or brook and operates in such a manner that material or soil may be washed into them:
 - A. Dredging, bulldozing, removing or displacing soil, sand, vegetation or other materials;
 - B. Draining or otherwise dewatering;
 - C. Filling, including adding sand or other material to a sand dune; or
 - D. Any construction or alteration of any permanent structure.

15. Land Use Standards. All land use activities within the shoreland zone shall conform with the following provisions, if applicable.

A. Minimum Lot Standards

(1)	um Est Standards	Minimum Lot Area (sq. ft.)	Minimum Shore Frontage (ft.)
(a)	Residential per dwelling unit	40,000	200
(b)	Governmental, Institutional, Commercial or Industrial per principal structure	60,000	300
(c)	Public and Private Recreational Facilities	40,000	200

- (2) Land below the normal high-water line of a water body or upland edge of a wetland and land beneath roads serving more than two (2) lots shall not be included toward calculating minimum lot area.
- (3) Lots located on opposite sides of a public or private road shall be considered each a separate tract or parcel of land unless such road was established by the owner of land on both sides thereof after September 22, 1971.
- (4) The minimum width of any portion of any lot within one hundred (100) feet, horizontal distance, of the normal high-water line of a water body or upland edge of a wetland shall be equal to or greater than the shore frontage requirement for a lot with the proposed use.
- (5) If more than one residential dwelling unit, principal governmental, institutional, commercial or industrial structure or use, or combination thereof, is constructed or established on a single parcel, all dimensional requirements shall be met for each additional dwelling unit, principal structure, or use.

B. Principal and Accessory Structures

(1) All new principal and accessory structures shall be set back at least one hundred (100) feet, horizontal distance, from the normal high-water line of great ponds classified GPA and rivers that flow to great ponds classified GPA, and seventy-five (75) feet, horizontal distance, from the normal high-water line of other water bodies, tributary streams, or the upland edge of a wetland, except that in the General Development I District the setback from the normal high-water line shall be at least twenty five (25) feet, horizontal distance. In the Resource Protection District the setback requirement shall be 250 feet, horizontal distance, except for structures, roads, parking spaces or other regulated objects specifically allowed in that district in which case the setback requirements specified above shall apply.

In addition:

- (a) The water body, tributary stream, or wetland setback provision shall neither apply to structures which require direct access to the water body or wetland as an operational necessity, such as piers, docks and retaining walls, nor to other functionally waterdependent uses.
- (b) All principal structures along Significant River Segments as listed in 38 M.R.S.A. section 437 (see Appendix B), shall be set back a minimum of one hundred and twenty-five (125) feet, horizontal distance, from the normal high-water line and shall be screened from the river by existing vegetation. This provision does not apply to structures related to hydropower facilities.
- (c) On a non-conforming lot of record on which only a residential structure exists, and it is not possible to place an accessory structure meeting the required water body, tributary stream or wetland setbacks, the code enforcement officer may issue a permit to place a single accessory structure, with no utilities, for the storage of yard tools and similar equipment. Such accessory structure shall not exceed eighty (80) square feet in area nor eight (8) feet in height, and shall be located as far from the shoreline or tributary stream as practical and shall meet all other applicable standards, including lot coverage and vegetation clearing limitations. In no case shall the structure be located closer to the shoreline or tributary stream than the principal structure.

NOTE: A tributary stream may be perennial or intermittent. Where a tributary stream is present within the shoreland zone, setback standards from that tributary stream are applicable.

- (2) Principal or accessory structures and expansions of existing structures which are permitted in the Resource Protection, Limited Residential, Limited Commercial, and Stream Protection Districts, shall not exceed thirty-five (35) feet in height. This provision shall not apply to structures such as transmission towers, windmills, antennas, and similar structures having no floor area.
- (3) The lowest floor elevation or openings of all buildings and structures, including basements, shall be elevated at least one foot above the elevation of the 100 year flood, the flood of record, or in the absence of these, the flood as defined by soil types identified as recent floodplain soils.
- (4) The total footprint area of all structures, parking lots and other non-vegetated surfaces, within the shoreland zone shall not exceed twenty (20) percent of the lot or a portion thereof, located within the shoreland zone, including land area previously developed, except in the General Development District adjacent to rivers that do not flow to great ponds classified GPA, where lot coverage shall not exceed seventy (70) percent.

- (5) Retaining walls that are not necessary for erosion control shall meet the structure setback requirement, except for low retaining walls and associated fill provided all of the following conditions are met:
 - (a) The site has been previously altered and an effective vegetated buffer does not exist;
 - (b) The wall(s) is(are) at least 25 feet, horizontal distance, from the normal high-water line of a water body, tributary stream, or upland edge of a wetland;
 - (c) The site where the retaining wall will be constructed is legally existing lawn or is a site eroding from lack of naturally occurring vegetation, and which cannot be stabilized with vegetative plantings;
 - (d) The total height of the wall(s), in the aggregate, are no more than 24 inches;
 - (e) Retaining walls are located outside of the 100-year floodplain on rivers, streams, and tributary streams, as designated on the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Maps or Flood Hazard Boundary Maps, or the flood of record, or in the absence of these, by soil types identified as recent floodplain soils.
 - (f) The area behind the wall is revegetated with grass, shrubs, trees, or a combination thereof, and no further structural development will occur within the setback area, including patios and decks; and
 - (g) A vegetated buffer area is established within 25 feet, horizontal distance, of the normal high-water line of a water body, tributary stream, or upland edge of a wetland when a natural buffer area does not exist. The buffer area must meet the following characteristics:
 - (i) The buffer must include shrubs and other woody and herbaceous vegetation. Where
 natural ground cover is lacking the area must be supplemented with leaf or bark
 mulch;
 - (ii) Vegetation plantings must be in quantities sufficient to retard erosion and provide for effective infiltration of stormwater runoff;
 - (iii) Only native species may be used to establish the buffer area;
 - (iv) A minimum buffer width of 15 feet, horizontal distance, is required, measured perpendicularly to the normal high-water line or upland edge of a wetland;
 - (v) A footpath not to exceed the standards in Section 15(P)(2)(a), may traverse the buffer;
 - NOTE: If the wall and associated soil disturbance occurs within 75 feet, horizontal distance, of a water body or tributary stream, a permit pursuant to the Natural Resource Protection Act is required from the Department of Environmental Protection.

(6) Notwithstanding the requirements stated above, stairways or similar structures may be allowed with a permit from the Code Enforcement Officer, to provide shoreline access in areas of steep slopes or unstable soils provided: that the structure is limited to a maximum of four (4) feet in width; that the structure does not extend below or over the normal high-water line of a water body or upland edge of a wetland, (unless permitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to the Natural Resources Protection Act, 38 M.R.S.A. section 480-C); and that the applicant demonstrates that no reasonable access alternative exists on the property.

C. Piers, Docks, Wharves, Bridges and Other Structures and Uses Extending Over or Below the Normal High-Water Line of a Water Body or Within a Wetland.

- (1) Access from shore shall be developed on soils appropriate for such use and constructed so as to control erosion.
- (2) The location shall not interfere with existing developed or natural beach areas.
- (3) The facility shall be located so as to minimize adverse effects on fisheries.
- (4) The facility shall be no larger in dimension than necessary to carry on the activity and be consistent with the surrounding character and uses of the area. A temporary pier, dock or wharf shall not be wider than six feet for non-commercial uses.
- (5) No new structure shall be built on, over or abutting a pier, wharf, dock or other structure extending below the normal high-water line of a water body or within a wetland unless the structure requires direct access to the water body or wetland as an operational necessity.
- (6) New permanent piers and docks shall not be permitted unless it is clearly demonstrated to the Planning Board that a temporary pier or dock is not feasible, and a permit has been obtained from the Department of Environmental Protection, pursuant to the Natural Resources Protection Act.
- (7) No existing structures built on, over or abutting a pier, dock, wharf or other structure extending below the normal high-water line of a water body or within a wetland shall be converted to residential dwelling units in any district.
- (8) Except in the General Development Districts, structures built on, over or abutting a pier, wharf, dock or other structure extending below the normal high-water line of a water body or within a wetland shall not exceed twenty (20) feet in height above the pier, wharf, dock or other structure.

NOTE: New permanent structures, and expansions thereof, projecting into or over water bodies shall require a permit from the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to the Natural Resources Protection Act, 38 M.R.S.A. section 480-C. Permits may also be required from the Army Corps of Engineers if located in navigable waters.

D. Campgrounds. Campgrounds shall conform to the minimum requirements imposed under State licensing procedures and the following:

- (1) Campgrounds shall contain a minimum of five thousand (5,000) square feet of land, not including roads and driveways, for each site. Land supporting wetland vegetation, and land below the normal high-water line of a water body shall not be included in calculating land area per site.
- (2) The areas intended for placement of a recreational vehicle, tent or shelter, and utility and service buildings shall be set back a minimum of one hundred (100) feet, horizontal distance, from the normal high-water line of a great pond classified GPA or a river flowing to a great pond classified GPA, and seventy-five (75) feet, horizontal distance, from the normal highwater line of other water bodies, tributary streams, or the upland edge of a wetland.
- E. Individual Private Campsites. Individual private campsites not associated with campgrounds are allowed provided the following conditions are met:
 - (1) One campsite per lot existing on the effective date of this Ordinance, or thirty thousand (30,000) square feet of lot area within the shoreland zone, whichever is less, may be permitted.
 - (2) Campsite placement on any lot, including the area intended for a recreational vehicle or tent platform, shall be set back one hundred (100) feet, horizontal distance, from the normal highwater line of a great pond classified GPA or river flowing to a great pond classified GPA, and seventy-five (75) feet, horizontal distance, from the normal high-water line of other water bodies, tributary streams, or the upland edge of a wetland.
 - (3) Only one recreational vehicle shall be allowed on a campsite. The recreational vehicle shall not be located on any type of permanent foundation except for a gravel pad, and no structure except a canopy shall be attached to the recreational vehicle.
 - (4) The clearing of vegetation for the sitting of the recreational vehicle, tent or similar shelter in a Resource Protection District shall be limited to one thousand (1000) square feet.
 - (5) A written sewage disposal plan describing the proposed method and location of sewage
 - disposal shall be required for each campsite and shall be approved by the Local Plumbing Inspector. Where disposal is off-site, written authorization from the receiving facility or land owner is required.
 - (6) When a recreational vehicle, tent or similar shelter is placed on-site for more than one hundred and twenty (120) days per year, all requirements for residential structures shall be met, including the installation of a subsurface sewage disposal system in compliance with the State of Maine Subsurface Wastewater Disposal Rules unless served by public sewage facilities.
- F. Commercial and Industrial Uses. The following new commercial and industrial uses are prohibited within the shoreland zone adjacent to great ponds classified GPA, and rivers and streams which flow to great ponds classified GPA:
 - (1) Auto washing facilities

- (2) Auto or other vehicle service and/or repair operations, including body shops
- (3) Chemical and bacteriological laboratories
- (4) Storage of chemicals, including herbicides, pesticides or fertilizers, other than amounts normally associated with individual households or farms
- NOTE: 22 M.R.S.A. section 1471-U requires municipal ordinances that apply to pesticide storage, distribution or use be filed with the Maine Board of Pesticides Control, 28 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333. If a municipality's ordinance is more inclusive or restrictive than these Guidelines, as it pertains to pesticides, a copy of the ordinance must be filed with the Board of Pesticides Control.
- (5) Commercial painting, wood preserving, and furniture stripping
- (6) Dry cleaning establishments
- (7) Electronic circuit assembly
- (8) Laundromats, unless connected to a sanitary sewer
- (9) Metal plating, finishing, or polishing
- (10) Petroleum or petroleum product storage and/or sale except storage on same property as use occurs and except for storage and sales associated with marinas
- (11) Photographic processing
- (12) Printing

G. Parking Areas

- (1) Parking areas shall meet the shoreline and tributary stream setback requirements for structures for the district in which such areas are located. The setback requirement for parking areas serving public boat launching facilities in Districts other than the General Development I District shall be no less than fifty (50) feet, horizontal distance, from the shoreline or tributary stream if the Planning Board finds that no other reasonable alternative exists further from the shoreline or tributary stream.
- (2) Parking areas shall be adequately sized for the proposed use and shall be designed to prevent stormwater runoff from flowing directly into a water body, tributary stream or wetland and where feasible, to retain all runoff on-site.
- (3) In determining the appropriate size of proposed parking facilities, the following shall apply:
 - (a) Typical parking space: Approximately ten (10) feet wide and twenty (20) feet long, except that parking spaces for a vehicle and boat trailer shall be forty (40) feet long.
 - (b) Internal travel aisles: Approximately twenty (20) feet wide.

- H. Roads and Driveways. The following standards shall apply to the construction of roads and/or driveways and drainage systems, culverts and other related features.
 - (1) Roads and driveways shall be set back at least one-hundred (100) feet, horizontal distance, from the normal high-water line of a great pond classified GPA or a river that flows to a great pond classified GPA, and seventy-five (75) feet, horizontal distance from the normal high-water line of other water bodies, tributary streams, or the upland edge of a wetland unless no reasonable alternative exists as determined by the Planning Board. If no other reasonable alternative exists, the road and/or driveway setback requirement shall be no less than fifty (50) feet, horizontal distance, upon clear showing by the applicant that appropriate techniques will be used to prevent sedimentation of the water body, tributary stream, or wetland. Such techniques may include, but are not limited to, the installation of settling basins, and/or the effective use of additional ditch relief culverts and turnouts placed so as to avoid sedimentation of the water body, tributary stream, or wetland.

On slopes of greater than twenty (20) percent the road and/or driveway setback shall be increased by ten (10) feet, horizontal distance, for each five (5) percent increase in slope above twenty (20) percent.

Section 15 (H)(1) does not apply to approaches to water crossings or to roads or driveways that provide access to permitted structures and facilities located nearer to the shoreline or tributary stream due to an operational necessity, excluding temporary docks for recreational uses. Roads and driveways providing access to permitted structures within the setback area shall comply fully with the requirements of Section 15(H)(1) except for that portion of the road or driveway necessary for direct access to the structure.

- (2) Existing public roads may be expanded within the legal road right of way regardless of their setback from a water body, tributary stream or wetland.
- (3) New permanent roads are not allowed within the shoreland zone along Significant River Segments except:
 - (a) To provide access to structures or facilities within the zone; or
 - (b) When the applicant demonstrates that no reasonable alternative route exists outside the shoreland zone. When roads must be located within the shoreland zone they shall be set back as far as practicable from the normal high-water line and screened from the river by existing vegetation.
- (4) New roads and driveways are prohibited in a Resource Protection District except that the Planning Board may grant a permit to construct a road or driveway to provide access to permitted uses within the district. A road or driveway may also be approved by the Planning Board in a Resource Protection District, upon a finding that no reasonable alternative route or location is available outside the district. When a road or driveway is permitted in a Resource Protection District the road and/or driveway shall be set back as far as practicable from the normal high-water line of a water body, tributary stream, or upland edge of a wetland.

- (5) Road and driveway banks shall be no steeper than a slope of two (2) horizontal to one (1) vertical, and shall be graded and stabilized in accordance with the provisions for erosion and sedimentation control contained in Section 15(Q).
- (6) Road and driveway grades shall be no greater than ten (10) percent except for segments of less than two hundred (200) feet.
- (7) In order to prevent road and driveway surface drainage from directly entering water bodies, tributary streams or wetlands, roads and driveways shall be designed, constructed, and maintained to empty onto an unscarified buffer strip at least (50) feet plus two times the average slope, in width between the outflow point of the ditch or culvert and the normal high-water line of a water body, tributary stream, or upland edge of a wetland. Surface drainage which is directed to an unscarified buffer strip shall be diffused or spread out to promote infiltration of the runoff and to minimize channelized flow of the drainage through the buffer strip.
- (8) Ditch relief (cross drainage) culverts, drainage dips and water turnouts shall be installed in a manner effective in directing drainage onto unscarified buffer strips before the flow gains sufficient volume or head to erode the road, driveway, or ditch. To accomplish this, the following shall apply:
 - (a) Ditch relief culverts, drainage dips and associated water turnouts shall be spaced along the road, or driveway at intervals no greater than indicated in the following table:

Grade	Spacing
(Percent)	(Feet)
0-2	250
3-5	200-135
6-10	100-80
11-15	80-60
16-20	60-45
21 +	40

- (b) Drainage dips may be used in place of ditch relief culverts only where the grade is ten (10) percent or less.
- (c) On sections having slopes greater than ten (10) percent, ditch relief culverts shall be placed at approximately a thirty (30) degree angle downslope from a line perpendicular to the centerline of the road or driveway.
- (d) Ditch relief culverts shall be sufficiently sized and properly installed in order to allow for effective functioning, and their inlet and outlet ends shall be stabilized with appropriate materials.
- (9) Ditches, culverts, bridges, dips, water turnouts and other storm water runoff control installations associated with roads and driveways shall be maintained on a regular basis to assure effective functioning.

- I Signs. The following provisions shall govern the use of signs in the Resource Protection, Stream Protection, Limited Residential and Limited Commercial Districts:
 - (1) Signs relating to goods and services sold on the premises shall be allowed, provided that such signs shall not exceed six (6) square feet in area and shall not exceed two (2) signs per premises. In the Limited Commercial District, however, such signs shall not exceed sixteen (16) square feet in area. Signs relating to goods or services not sold or rendered on the premises shall be prohibited.
 - (2) Name signs are allowed, provided such signs shall not exceed two (2) signs per premises, and shall not exceed twelve (12) square feet in the aggregate.
 - (3) Residential users may display a single sign not over three (3) square feet in area relating to the sale, rental, or lease of the premises.
 - (4) Signs relating to trespassing and hunting shall be allowed without restriction as to number provided that no such sign shall exceed two (2) square feet in area.
 - (5) Signs relating to public safety shall be allowed without restriction.
 - (6) No sign shall extend higher than twenty (20) feet above the ground.
 - (7) Signs may be illuminated only by shielded, non-flashing lights.

J. Storm Water Runoff

- (1) All new construction and development shall be designed to minimize storm water runoff from the site in excess of the natural predevelopment conditions. Where possible, existing natural runoff control features, such as berms, swales, terraces and wooded areas, shall be retained in order to reduce runoff and encourage infiltration of stormwaters.
- (2) Storm water runoff control systems shall be maintained as necessary to ensure proper functioning.
- NOTE: The Stormwater Management Law (38 M.R.S.A. section 420-D) requires a full permit to be obtained from the DEP prior to construction of a project consisting of 20,000 square feet or more of impervious area or 5 acres or more of a developed area in an urban impaired stream watershed or most-at-risk lake watershed, or a project with 1 acre or more of developed area in any other stream, coastal or wetland watershed. A permit-by-rule is necessary for a project with one acre or more of disturbed area but less than 1 acre impervious area (20,000 square feet for most-at-risk lakes and urban impaired streams) and less than 5 acres of developed area. Furthermore, a Maine Construction General Permit is required if the construction will result in one acre or more of disturbed area.

K. Septic Waste Disposal

(1) All subsurface sewage disposal systems shall be installed in conformance with the State of Maine Subsurface Wastewater Disposal Rules, and the following:

a) clearing or removal

of woody vegetation necessary to site a new system and any associated fill extensions, shall not extend closer than seventy-five (75) feet, horizontal distance, from the normal high-water line of a water body or the upland edge of a wetland and b) a holding tank is not allowed for a first-time residential use in the shoreland zone.

NOTE: The Maine Subsurface Wastewater Disposal Rules require new systems, excluding fill extensions, to be constructed no less than one hundred (100) horizontal feet from the normal high-water line of a perennial water body. The minimum setback distance for a new subsurface disposal system may not be reduced by variance.

L. Essential Services

- (1) Where feasible, the installation of essential services shall be limited to existing public ways and existing service corridors.
- (2) The installation of essential services, other than road-side distribution lines, is not allowed in a Resource Protection or Stream Protection District, except to provide services to a permitted use within said district, or except where the applicant demonstrates that no reasonable alternative exists. Where allowed, such structures and facilities shall be located so as to minimize any adverse impacts on surrounding uses and resources, including visual impacts.
- (3) Damaged or destroyed public utility transmission and distribution lines, towers and related equipment may be replaced or reconstructed without a permit.
- M. Mineral Exploration and Extraction. Mineral exploration to determine the nature or extent of mineral resources shall be accomplished by hand sampling, test boring, or other methods which create minimal disturbance of less than one hundred (100) square feet of ground surface. A permit from the Code Enforcement Officer shall be required for mineral exploration which exceeds the above limitation. All excavations, including test pits and holes, shall be immediately capped, filled or secured by other equally effective measures to restore disturbed areas and to protect the public health and safety.

Mineral extraction may be permitted under the following conditions:

- (1) A reclamation plan shall be filed with, and approved, by the Planning Board before a permit is granted. Such plan shall describe in detail procedures to be undertaken to fulfill the requirements of Section 15 (M)(4) below.
- (2) No part of any extraction operation, including drainage and runoff control features, shall be permitted within one hundred (100) feet, horizontal distance, of the normal high-water line of a great pond classified GPA or a river flowing to a great pond classified GPA, and within seventy-five (75) feet, horizontal distance, of the normal high-water line of any other water body, tributary stream, or the upland edge of a wetland. Extraction operations shall not be permitted within fifty (50) feet, horizontal distance, of any property line without written permission of the owner of such adjacent property.

- (3) Developers of new gravel pits along Significant River Segments shall demonstrate that no reasonable mining site outside the shoreland zone exists. When gravel pits must be located within the zone, they shall be set back as far as practicable from the normal high-water line and no less than seventy-five (75) feet and screened from the river by existing vegetation.
- (4) Within twelve (12) months following the completion of extraction operations at any extraction site, which operations shall be deemed complete when less than one hundred (100) cubic yards of materials are removed in any consecutive twelve (12) month period, ground levels and grades shall be established in accordance with the following:
 - (a) All debris, stumps, and similar material shall be removed for disposal in an approved location, or shall be buried on-site. Only materials generated on-site may be buried or covered on-site.

NOTE: The State of Maine Solid Waste Laws, 38 M.R.S.A., section 1301 and the solid waste management rules, Chapters 400-419 of the Department of Environmental Protection's regulations may contain other applicable provisions regarding disposal of such materials.

- (b) The final graded slope shall be two and one-half to one (2 1/2:1) slope or flatter.
- (c) Top soil or loam shall be retained to cover all disturbed land areas, which shall be reseeded and stabilized with vegetation native to the area. Additional topsoil or loam shall be obtained from off-site sources if necessary to complete the stabilization project.
- (5) In keeping with the purposes of this Ordinance, the Planning Board may impose such conditions as are necessary to minimize the adverse impacts associated with mineral extraction operations on surrounding uses and resources.

N. Agriculture

- (1) All spreading of manure shall be accomplished in conformance with the *Manure Utilization Guidelines* published by the Maine Department of Agriculture on November 1, 2001, and the Nutrient Management Law (7 M.R.S.A. sections 4201-4209).
- (2) Manure shall not be stored or stockpiled within one hundred (100) feet, horizontal distance, of a great pond classified GPA or a river flowing to a great pond classified GPA, or within seventy-five (75) feet horizontal distance, of other water bodies, tributary streams, or wetlands. All manure storage areas within the shoreland zone must be constructed or modified such that the facility produces no discharge of effluent or contaminated storm water.
- (3) Agricultural activities involving tillage of soil greater than forty thousand (40,000) square feet in surface area, within the shoreland zone shall require a Conservation Plan to be filed with the Planning Board. Non-conformance with the provisions of said plan shall be considered to be a violation of this Ordinance.

NOTE: Assistance in preparing a Conservation Plan may be available through the local Soil and Water Conservation District office.

- (4) There shall be no new tilling of soil within one-hundred (100) feet, horizontal distance, of the normal high-water line of a great pond classified GPA; within seventy-five (75) feet, horizontal distance, from other water bodies; nor within twenty-five (25) feet, horizontal distance, of tributary streams and freshwater wetlands. Operations in existence on the effective date of this ordinance and not in conformance with this provision may be maintained.
- Newly established livestock grazing areas shall not be permitted within one hundred (100) feet, horizontal distance, of the normal high-water line of a great pond classified GPA; within seventy-five (75) feet, horizontal distance, of other water bodies; nor within twenty-five (25) feet, horizontal distance, of tributary streams and freshwater wetlands. Livestock grazing associated with ongoing farm activities, and which are not in conformance with the above setback provisions may continue, provided that such grazing is conducted in accordance with a Conservation Plan.

NOTE: 17 M.R.S.A. section 2805(4) requires a municipality to provide the Commissioner of Agriculture. Food and Rural Resources with a copy of any proposed ordinance that impacts farm operations. The law further requires the Commissioner to review the proposed ordinance and advise the municipality if the proposed ordinance would restrict or prohibit the use of best management practices. A copy of a shoreland zoning ordinance that regulates no more restrictively than contained in these Guidelines need not be provided to the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources.

- O. Timber Harvesting [will be repealed pursuant to Section 4B]
 - (1) In a Resource Protection District abutting a great pond, timber harvesting shall be limited to the following:
 - (a) Within the strip of land extending 75 feet, horizontal distance, inland from the normal high-water line, timber harvesting may be conducted when the following conditions are met:
 - (1) The ground is frozen;
 - (2) There is no resultant soil disturbance;
 - (3) The removal of trees is accomplished using a cable or boom and there is no entry of tracked or wheeled vehicles into the 75-foot strip of land;
 - (4) There is no cutting of trees less than 6 inches in diameter; no more than 30% of the trees 6 inches or more in diameter, measured at 4 ½ feet above ground level, are cut in any 10-year period; and a well-distributed stand of trees and other natural vegetation remains; and
 - (5) A licensed professional forester has marked the trees to be harvested prior to a permit being issued by the municipality.
 - (b) Beyond the 75 foot strip referred to in Section 15(O)(1)(a) above, timber harvesting is permitted in accordance with paragraph 2 below except that in no case shall the average residual basal area of trees over 4 ½ inches in diameter at 4 1/2 feet above ground level be reduced to less than 30 square feet per acre.

- (2) Except in areas as described in Section 15(O)(1) above, timber harvesting shall conform with the following provisions:
 - (a) Selective cutting of no more than forty (40) percent of the total volume of trees four (4) inches or more in diameter measured at 4 1/2 feet above ground level on any lot in any ten (10) year period is permitted. In addition:
 - (i) Within one-hundred (100) feet, horizontal distance, of the normal high-water line of a great pond classified GPA or a river flowing to a great pond classified GPA, and within seventy-five (75) feet, horizontal distance, of the normal high-water line of other water hodies, tributary streams, or the upland edge of a wetland, there shall be no clearcut openings and a well-distributed stand of trees and other vegetation, including existing ground cover, shall be maintained.
 - (ii) At distances greater than one-hundred (100) feet, horizontal distance, of a great pond classified GPA or a river flowing to a great pond classified GPA, and greater than seventy-five (75) feet, horizontal distance, of the normal high-water line of other water bodies or the upland edge of a wetland, harvesting operations shall not create single clearcut openings greater than ten-thousand (10,000) square feet in the forest canopy. Where such openings exceed five-thousand (5000) square feet they shall be at least one hundred (100) feet, horizontal distance, apart. Such clearcut openings shall be included in the calculation of total volume removal.

Volume may be considered to be equivalent to basal area.

- No accumulation of slash shall be left within fifty (50) feet, horizontal distance, of the normal high-water line of a water body. In all other areas slash shall either be removed or disposed of in such a manner that it lies on the ground and no part thereof extends more than four (4) feet above the ground. Any debris that falls below the normal highwater line of a water body or tributary stream shall be removed.
- () Timber harvesting equipment shall not use stream channels as travel routes except when:
 - (i) Surface waters are frozen; and
 - (ii) The activity will not result in any ground disturbance.
- All crossings of flowing water shall require a bridge or culvert, except in areas with low banks and channel beds which are composed of gravel, rock or similar hard surface which would not be eroded or otherwise damaged.
- Skid trail approaches to water crossings shall be located and designed so as to prevent water runoff from directly entering the water body or tributary stream. Upon completion of timber harvesting, temporary bridges and culverts shall be removed and areas of exposed soil revegetated.
- Except for water crossings, skid trails and other sites where the operation of machinery used in timber harvesting results in the exposure of mineral soil shall be located such that an unscarified strip of vegetation of at least seventy-five (75) feet, horizontal distance, in width for slopes up to ten (10) percent shall be retained between the exposed mineral soil



and the normal high-water line of a water body or upland edge of a wetland. For each ten (10) percent increase in slope, the unscarified strip shall be increased by twenty (20) feet, horizontal distance. The provisions of this paragraph apply only to a face sloping toward the water body or wetland, provided, however, that no portion of such exposed mineral soil on a back face shall be closer than twenty five (25) feet, horizontal distance, from the normal high-water line of a water body or upland edge of a wetland.

P. Clearing or Removal of Vegetation for Activities Other Than Timber Harvesting

(1) In a Resource Protection District abutting a great pond, there shall be no cutting of vegetation within the strip of land extending 75 feet, horizontal distance, inland from the normal high-water line, except to remove safety hazards.

Elsewhere, in any Resource Protection District the cutting or removal of vegetation shall be limited to that which is necessary for uses expressly authorized in that district.

- (2) Except in areas as described in Section P(1), above, and except to allow for the development of permitted uses, within a strip of land extending one-hundred (100) feet, horizontal distance, inland from the normal high-water line of a great pond classified GPA or a river flowing to a great pond classified GPA, and seventy-five (75) feet, horizontal distance, from any other water body, tributary stream, or the upland edge of a wetland, a buffer strip of vegetation shall be preserved as follows:
 - (a) There shall be no cleared opening greater than 250 square feet in the forest canopy (or other existing woody vegetation if a forested canopy is not present) as measured from the outer limits of the tree or shrub crown. However, a footpath not to exceed six (6) feet in width as measured between tree trunks and/or shrub stems is allowed provided that a cleared line of sight to the water through the buffer strip is not created.
 - (b) Selective cutting of trees within the buffer strip is allowed provided that a well-distributed stand of trees and other natural vegetation is maintained. For the purposes of Section 15(P)(2)(b) a "well-distributed stand of trees" adjacent to a great pond classified GPA or a river or stream flowing to a great pond classified GPA, shall be defined as maintaining a rating score of 24 or more in each 25-foot by 50-foot rectangular (1250 square feet) area as determined by the following rating system.

Points
1
2
4
8

Adjacent to other water bodies, tributary streams, and wetlands, a "well-distributed stand of trees" is defined as maintaining a minimum rating score of 16 per 25-foot by 50-foot rectangular area.

NOTE: As an example, adjacent to a great pond, if a 25-foot x 50-foot plot contains four (4) trees between 2 and 4 inches in diameter, two trees between 4 and 8 inches in diameter, three trees between 8 and 12 inches in diameter, and two trees over 12 inches in diameter, the rating score is:

$$(4x1)+(2x2)+(3x4)+(2x8)=36$$
 points

Thus, the 25-foot by 50-foot plot contains trees worth 36 points. Trees totaling 12 points (36-24=12) may be removed from the plot provided that no cleared openings are created.

The following shall govern in applying this point system:

- (i) The 25-foot by 50-foot rectangular plots must be established where the landowner or lessee proposes clearing within the required buffer;
- (ii) Each successive plot must be adjacent to, but not overlap a previous plot;
- (iii) Any plot not containing the required points must have no vegetation removed except as otherwise allowed by this Ordinance;
- (iv) Any plot containing the required points may have vegetation removed down to the minimum points required or as otherwise allowed by is Ordinance;
- (v) Where conditions permit, no more than 50% of the points on any 25-foot by 50-foot rectangular area may consist of trees greater than 12 inches in diameter.

For the purposes of Section 15(P)(2)(b) "other natural vegetation" is defined as retaining existing vegetation under three (3) feet in height and other ground cover and retaining at least five (5) saplings less than two (2) inches in diameter at four and one half (4 ½) feet above ground level for each 25-foot by 50-foot rectangle area. If five saplings do not exist, no woody stems less than two (2) inches in diameter can be removed until 5 saplings have been recruited into the plot.

Notwithstanding the above provisions, no more than 40% of the total volume of trees four (4) inches or more in diameter, measured at 4 1/2 feet above ground level may be removed in any ten (10) year period.

- (c) In order to protect water quality and wildlife habitat, existing vegetation under three (3) feet in height and other ground cover, including leaf litter and the forest duff layer, shall not be cut, covered, or removed, except to provide for a footpath or other permitted uses as described in Section 15(P) paragraphs (2) and (2)(a) above.
- (d) Pruning of tree branches, on the bottom 1/3 of the tree is allowed.
- (e) In order to maintain a buffer strip of vegetation, when the removal of storm-damaged, diseased, unsafe, or dead trees results in the creation of cleared openings, these openings shall be replanted with native tree species unless existing new tree growth is present.

Section 15(P)(2) does not apply to those portions of public recreational facilities adjacent to public swimming areas as long as cleared areas are limited to the minimum area necessary.

(3) At distances greater than one hundred (100) feet, horizontal distance, from a great pond classified GPA or a river flowing to a great pond classified GPA, and seventy-five (75) feet, horizontal distance, from the normal high-water line of any other water body, tributary stream, or the upland edge of a wetland, there shall be allowed on any lot, in any ten (10) year period, selective cutting of not more than forty (40) percent of the volume of trees four (4) inches or more in diameter, measured 4 1/2 feet above ground level.

Tree removal in conjunction with the development of permitted uses shall be included in the forty (40) percent calculation. For the purposes of these standards volume may be considered to be equivalent to basal area.

In no event shall cleared openings for any purpose, including but not limited to, principal and accessory structures, driveways, lawns and sewage disposal areas, exceed in the aggregate, 25% of the lot area within the shoreland zone or ten thousand (10,000) square feet, whichever is greater, including land previously cleared. This provision shall not apply to the General Development Districts.

- (4) Legally existing nonconforming cleared openings may be maintained, but shall not be enlarged, except as allowed by this Ordinance.
- (5) Fields and other cleared openings which have reverted to primarily shrubs, trees, or other woody vegetation shall be regulated under the provisions of Section 15(P).

Q. Erosion and Sedimentation Control

- (1) All activities which involve filling, grading, excavation or other similar activities which result in unstabilized soil conditions and which require a permit shall also require a written soil erosion and sedimentation control plan. The plan shall be submitted to the permitting authority for approval and shall include, where applicable, provisions for:
 - (a) Mulching and revegetation of disturbed soil.
 - (b) Temporary runoff control features such as hay bales, silt fencing or diversion ditches.
 - (c) Permanent stabilization structures such as retaining walls or riprap.
- (2) In order to create the least potential for erosion, development shall be designed to fit with the topography and soils of the site. Areas of steep slopes where high cuts and fills may be required shall be avoided wherever possible, and natural contours shall be followed as closely as possible.
- (3) Erosion and sedimentation control measures shall apply to all aspects of the proposed project involving land disturbance, and shall be in operation during all stages of the activity. The amount of exposed soil at every phase of construction shall be minimized to reduce the potential for erosion.
- (4) Any exposed ground area shall be temporarily or permanently stabilized within one (1) week from the time it was last actively worked, by use of riprap, sod, seed, and mulch, or other effective measures. In all cases permanent stabilization shall occur within nine (9) months of the initial date of exposure. In addition:

- (a) Where mulch is used, it shall be applied at a rate of at least one (1) bale per five hundred (500) square feet and shall be maintained until a catch of vegetation is established.
- (b) Anchoring the mulch with netting, peg and twine or other suitable method may be required to maintain the mulch cover.
- (c) Additional measures shall be taken where necessary in order to avoid siltation into the water. Such measures may include the use of staked hay bales and/or silt fences.
- (5) Natural and man-made drainage ways and drainage outlets shall be protected from erosion from water flowing through them. Drainageways shall be designed and constructed in order to carry water from a twenty five (25) year storm or greater, and shall be stabilized with vegetation or lined with riprap.
- R. Soils. All land uses shall be located on soils in or upon which the proposed uses or structures can be established or maintained without causing adverse environmental impacts, including severe erosion, mass soil movement, improper drainage, and water pollution, whether during or after construction. Proposed uses requiring subsurface waste disposal, and commercial or industrial development and other similar intensive land uses, shall require a soils report based on an on-site investigation and be prepared by state-certified professionals. Certified persons may include Maine Certified Soil Scientists, Maine Registered Professional Engineers, Maine State Certified Geologists and other persons who have training and experience in the recognition and evaluation of soil properties. The report shall be based upon the analysis of the characteristics of the soil and surrounding land and water areas, maximum ground water elevation, presence of ledge, drainage conditions, and other pertinent data which the evaluator deems appropriate. The soils report shall include recommendations for a proposed use to counteract soil limitations where they exist.
- S. Water Quality. No activity shall deposit on or into the ground or discharge to the waters of the State any pollutant that, by itself or in combination with other activities or substances, will impair designated uses or the water classification of the water body, tributary stream or wetland.
- T. Archaeological Site. Any proposed land use activity involving structural development or soil disturbance on or adjacent to sites listed on, or eligible to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places, as determined by the permitting authority, shall be submitted by the applicant to the Maine Historic Preservation Commission for review and comment, at least twenty (20) days prior to action being taken by the permitting authority. The permitting authority shall consider comments received from the Commission prior to rendering a decision on the application.

16. Administration

A. Administering Bodies and Agents

- Code Enforcement Officer. A Code Enforcement Officer shall be appointed or reappointed annually by July 1st.
- (2) Board of Appeals. A Board of Appeals shall be created in accordance with the provisions of 30-A M.R.S.A. section 2691.
- (3) Planning Board. A Planning Board shall be created in accordance with the provisions of State law.
- B. Permits Required. After the effective date of this Ordinance no person shall, without first obtaining a permit, engage in any activity or use of land or structure requiring a permit in the district in which such activity or use would occur; or expand, change, or replace an existing use or structure; or renew a discontinued nonconforming use. A person who is issued a permit pursuant to this Ordinance shall have a copy of the permit on site while the work authorized by the permit is performed.
 - (1) A permit is not required for the replacement of an existing road culvert as long as:
 - (a) The replacement culvert is not more than 25% longer than the culvert being replaced;
 - (b) The replacement culvert is not longer than 75 feet; and
 - (c) Adequate erosion control measures are taken to prevent sedimentation of the water, and the crossing does not block fish passage in the watercourse.
 - (2) A permit is not required for an archaeological excavation as long as the excavation is conducted by an archaeologist listed on the State Historic Preservation Officer's level 1 or level 2 approved list, and unreasonable erosion and sedimentation is prevented by means of adequate and timely temporary and permanent stabilization measures.
 - (3) Any permit required by this Ordinance shall be in addition to any other permit required by other law or ordinance.

C. Permit Application

- (1) Every applicant for a permit shall submit a written application, including a scaled site plan, on a form provided by the municipality, to the appropriate official as indicated in Section 14.
- (2) All applications shall be signed by an owner or individual who can show evidence of right, title or interest in the property or by an agent, representative, tenant, or contractor of the owner with authorization from the owner to apply for a permit hereunder, certifying that the information in the application is complete and correct.

- (3) All applications shall be dated, and the Code Enforcement Officer or Planning Board, as appropriate, shall note upon each application the date and time of its receipt.
- (4) If the property is not served by a public sewer, a valid plumbing permit or a completed application for a plumbing permit, including the site evaluation approved by the Plumbing Inspector, shall be submitted whenever the nature of the proposed structure or use would require the installation of a subsurface sewage disposal system.
- D. Procedure for Administering Permits. Within 35 days of the date of receiving a written application, the Planning Board or Code Enforcement Officer, as indicated in Section 14, shall notify the applicant in writing either that the application is a complete application, or, if the application is incomplete, that specified additional material is needed to make the application complete.

The Planning Board or the Code Enforcement Officer, as appropriate, shall approve, approve with conditions, or deny all permit applications in writing within 35 days of receiving a completed application. However, if the Planning Board has a waiting list of applications, a decision on the application shall occur within 35 days after the first available date on the Planning Board's agenda following receipt of the completed application, or within 35 days of the public hearing, if the proposed use or structure is found to be in conformance with the purposes and provisions of this Ordinance.

The applicant shall have the burden of proving that the proposed land use activity is in conformity with the purposes and provisions of this Ordinance.

After the submission of a complete application to the Planning Board, the Board shall approve an application or approve it with conditions if it makes a positive finding based on the information presented that the proposed use:

- (1) Will maintain safe and healthful conditions;
- (2) Will not result in water pollution, erosion, or sedimentation to surface waters;
- (3) Will adequately provide for the disposal of all wastewater;
- (4) Will not have an adverse impact on spawning grounds, fish, aquatic life, bird or other wildlife habitat;
- (5) Will conserve shore cover and visual, as well as actual, points of access to inland waters;
- (6) Will protect archaeological and historic resources as designated in the comprehensive plan;
- (7) Will avoid problems associated with floodplain development and use; and
- (8) Is in conformance with the provisions of Section 15, Land Use Standards.

If a permit is either denied or approved with conditions, the reasons as well as conditions shall be stated in writing. No approval shall be granted for an application involving a structure if the structure would be located in an unapproved subdivision or would violate any other local ordinance, or regulation or statute administered by the municipality.

- E. Special Exceptions. In addition to the criteria specified in Section 16(D) above, excepting structure setback requirements, the Planning Board may approve a permit for a single family residential structure in a Resource Protection District provided that the applicant demonstrates that all of the following conditions are met:
 - (1) There is no location on the property, other than a location within the Resource Protection District, where the structure can be built.
 - (2) The lot on which the structure is proposed is undeveloped and was established and recorded in the registry of deeds of the county in which the lot is located before the adoption of the Resource Protection District.
 - (3) All proposed buildings, sewage disposal systems and other improvements are:
 - (a) Located on natural ground slopes of less than 20%; and
 - (b) Located outside the floodway of the 100-year floodplain along rivers and artificially formed great ponds along rivers, based on detailed flood insurance studies and as delineated on the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Flood Boundary and Floodway Maps and Flood Insurance Rate Maps; all buildings, including basements, are elevated at least one foot above the 100-year floodplainelevation; and the development is otherwise in compliance with any applicable municipal floodplainordinance.

If the floodway is not shown on the Federal Emergency Management Agency Maps, it is deemed to be 1/2 the width of the 100-year floodplain.

- (4) The total ground-floor area, including cantilevered or similar overhanging extensions, of all principal and accessory structures is limited to a maximum of 1,500 square feet. This limitation shall not be altered by variance.
- (5) All structures, except functionally water-dependent structures, are set back from the normal high-water line of a water body, tributary stream or upland edge of a wetland to the greatest practical extent, but not less than 75 feet, horizontal distance. In determining the greatest practical extent, the Planning Board shall consider the depth of the lot, the slope of the land, the potential for soil erosion, the type and amount of vegetation to be removed, the proposed building site's elevation in regard to the floodplain, and its proximity to moderate-value and high-value wetlands.
- F. Expiration of Permit. Permits shall expire one year from the date of issuance if a substantial start is not made in construction or in the use of the property during that period. If a substantial start is made within one year of the issuance of the permit, the applicant shall have one additional year to complete the project, at which time the permit shall expire.

G. Installation of Public Utility Service. A public utility, water district, sanitary district or any utility company of any kind may not install services to any new structure located in the shoreland zone unless written authorization attesting to the validity and currency of all local permits required under this or any previous Ordinance has been issued by the appropriate municipal officials or other written arrangements have been made between the municipal officials and the utility.

H. Appeals

- (1) Powers and Duties of the Board of Appeals. The Board of Appeals shall have the following powers:
 - (a) Administrative Appeals: To hear and decide administrative appeals, on an appellate basis, where it is alleged by an aggrieved party that there is an error in any order, requirement, decision, or determination made by, or failure to act by, the Planning Board in the administration of this Ordinance; and to hear and decide administrative appeals on a de novo basis where it is alleged by an aggrieved party that there is an error in any order, requirement, decision or determination made by, or failure to act by, the Code Enforcement Officer in his or her review of and action on a permit application under this Ordinance. Any order, requirement, decision or determination made, or failure to act, in the enforcement of this ordinance is not appealable to the Board of Appeals.
 - (b) Variance Appeals: To authorize variances upon appeal, within the limitations set forth in this Ordinance.
- (2) Variance Appeals. Variances may be granted only under the following conditions:
 - (a) Variances may be granted only from dimensional requirements including, but not limited to, lot width, structure height, percent of lot coverage, and setback requirements.
 - (b) Variances shall not be granted for establishment of any uses otherwise prohibited by this Ordinance.
 - (c) The Board shall not grant a variance unless it finds that:
 - (i) The proposed structure or use would meet the provisions of Section 15 except for the specific provision which has created the non-conformity and from which relief is sought; and
 - (ii) The strict application of the terms of this Ordinance would result in undue hardship. The term "undue hardship" shall mean:
 - a. That the land in question cannot yield a reasonable return unless a variance is granted;
 - b. That the need for a variance is due to the unique circumstances of the property and not to the general conditions in the neighborhood;

- That the granting of a variance will not alter the essential character of the locality;
 and
- d. That the hardship is not the result of action taken by the applicant or a prior owner,
- (d) Notwithstanding Section 16(H)(2)(c)(ii) above, the Board of Appeals may grant a variance to an owner of a residential dwelling for the purpose of making that dwelling accessible to a person with a disability who resides in or regularly uses the dwelling. The board shall restrict any variance granted under this subsection solely to the installation of equipment or the construction of structures necessary for access to or egress from the dwelling by the person with the disability.

The board may impose conditions on the variance, including limiting the variance to the duration of the disability or to the time that the person with the disability lives in the dwelling. The term "structures necessary for access to or egress from the dwelling" shall include railing, wall or roof systems necessary for the safety or effectiveness of the structure.

- (e) The Board of Appeals shall limit any variances granted as strictly as possible in order to ensure conformance with the purposes and provisions of this Ordinance to the greatest extent possible, and in doing so may impose such conditions to a variance as it deems necessary. The party receiving the variance shall comply with any conditions imposed.
- (f) A copy of each variance request, including the application and all supporting information supplied by the applicant, shall be forwarded by the municipal officials to the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection at least twenty (20) days prior to action by the Board of Appeals. Any comments received from the Commissioner prior to the action by the Board of Appeals shall be made part of the record and shall be taken into consideration by the Board of Appeals.

(3) Administrative Appeals

When the Board of Appeals reviews a decision of the Code Enforcement Officer the Board of Appeals shall hold a "de novo" hearing. At this time the Board may receive and consider new evidence and testimony, be it oral or written. When acting in a "de novo" capacity the Board of Appeals shall hear and decide the matter afresh, undertaking its own independent analysis of evidence and the law, and reaching its own decision.

When the Board of Appeals hears a decision of the Planning Board, it shall hold an appellate hearing, and may reverse the decision of the Planning Board only upon finding that the decision was contrary to specific provisions of the Ordinance or contrary to the facts presented to the Planning Board. The Board of Appeals may only review the record of the proceedings before the Planning Board.

The Board Appeals shall not receive or consider any evidence which was not presented to the Planning Board, but the Board of Appeals may receive and consider written or oral arguments. If the Board of Appeals determines that the record of the Planning Board proceedings are

inadequate, the Board of Appeals may remand the matter to the Planning Board for additional fact finding.

(4) Appeal Procedure

(a) Making an Appeal

- (i) An administrative or variance appeal may be taken to the Board of Appeals by an aggrieved party from any decision of the Code Enforcement Officer or the Planning Board, except for enforcement-related matters as described in Section 16(H)(1)(a) above. Such an appeal shall be taken within thirty (30) days of the date of the official, written decision appealed from, and not otherwise, except that the Board, upon a showing of good cause, may waive the thirty (30) day requirement.
- (ii) Applications for appeals shall be made by filing with the Board of Appeals a written notice of appeal which includes:
 - a. A concise written statement indicating what relief is requested and why the appeal or variance should be granted.
 - b. A sketch drawn to scale showing lot lines, location of existing buildings and structures and other physical features of the lot pertinent to the relief sought.
- (iii) Upon receiving an application for an administrative appeal or a variance, the Code Enforcement Officer or Planning Board, as appropriate, shall transmit to the Board of Appeals all of the papers constituting the record of the decision appealed from.
- (iv) The Board of Appeals shall hold a public hearing on an administrative appeal or a request for a variance within thirty-five (35) days of its receipt of a complete written application, unless this time period is extended by the parties.

(b) Decision by Board of Appeals

- (i) A majority of the full voting membership of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of deciding an appeal.
- (ii) The person filing the appeal shall have the burden of proof.
- (iii) The Board shall decide all administrative appeals and variance appeals within thirty five (35) days after the close of the hearing, and shall issue a written decision on all appeals.
- (iv) The Board of Appeals shall state the reasons and basis for its decision, including a statement of the facts found and conclusions reached by the Board. The Board shall cause written notice of its decision to be mailed or hand-delivered to the applicant and to the Department of Environmental Protection within seven (7) days of the Board's decision. Copies of written decisions of the Board of Appeals shall be given to the Planning Board, Code Enforcement Officer, and the municipal officers.

- (5) Appeal to Superior Court. Except as provided by 30-A M.R.S.A. section 2691(3)(F), any aggrieved party who participated as a party during the proceedings before the Board of Appeals may take an appeal to Superior Court in accordance with State laws within forty-five (45) days from the date of any decision of the Board of Appeals.
- (6) Reconsideration. In accordance with 30-A M.R.S.A. section 2691(3)(F), the Board of Appeals may reconsider any decision within forty-five (45) days of its prior decision. A request to the Board to reconsider a decision must be filed within ten (10) days of the decision that is being reconsidered. A vote to reconsider and the action taken on that reconsideration must occur and be completed within forty-five (45) days of the date of the vote on the original decision.

Reconsideration of a decision shall require a positive vote of the majority of the Board members originally voting on the decision, and proper notification to the landowner, petitioner, planning board, code enforcement officer, and other parties of interest, including abuttors and those who testified at the original hearing(s). The Board may conduct additional hearings and receive additional evidence and testimony.

Appeal of a reconsidered decision to Superior Court must be made within fifteen (15) days after the decision on reconsideration.

I. Enforcement

- (1) Nuisances. Any violation of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be a nuisance.
- (2) Code Enforcement Officer
 - (a) It shall be the duty of the Code Enforcement Officer to enforce the provisions of this Ordinance. If the Code Enforcement Officer shall find that any provision of this Ordinance is being violated, he or she shall notify in writing the person responsible for such violation, indicating the nature of the violation and ordering the action necessary to correct it, including discontinuance of illegal use of land, buildings or structures, or work being done, removal of illegal buildings or structures, and abatement of nuisance conditions. A copy of such notices shall be submitted to the municipal officers and be maintained as a permanent record.
 - (b) The Code Enforcement Officer shall conduct on-site inspections to ensure compliance with all applicable laws and conditions attached to permit approvals. The Code Enforcement Officer shall also investigate all complaints of alleged violations of this Ordinance.
 - (c) The Code Enforcement Officer shall keep a complete record of all essential transactions of the office, including applications submitted, permits granted or denied, variances granted or denied, revocation actions, revocation of permits, appeals, court actions, violations investigated, violations found, and fees collected. On a biennial basis, a summary of this record shall be submitted to the Director of the Bureau of Land and Water Quality within the Department of Environmental Protection.
- (3) Legal Actions. When the above action does not result in the correction or abatement of the violation or nuisance condition, the Municipal Officers, upon notice from the Code Enforcement Officer, are hereby directed to institute any and all actions and proceedings, either legal or equitable, including seeking injunctions of violations and the imposition of

fines, that may be appropriate or necessary to enforce the provisions of this Ordinance in the name of the municipality. The municipal officers, or their authorized agent, are hereby authorized to enter into administrative consent agreements for the purpose of eliminating violations of this Ordinance and recovering fines without Court action. Such agreements shall not allow an illegal structure or use to continue unless there is clear and convincing evidence that the illegal structure or use was constructed or conducted as a direct result of erroneous advice given by an authorized municipal official and there is no evidence that the owner acted in bad faith, or unless the removal of the structure or use will result in a threat or hazard to public health and safety or will result in substantial environmental damage.

(4) Fines. Any person, including but not limited to a landowner, a landowner's agent or a contractor, who violates any provision or requirement of this Ordinance shall be penalized in accordance with 30-A, M.R.S.A. section 4452.

NOTE: Current penalties include fines of not less than \$100 nor more than \$2500 per violation for each day that the violation continues. However, in a resource protection district the maximum penalty is increased to \$5000 (38 M.R.S.A. section 4452).

17. Definitions.

Accessory structure or use - a use or structure which is incidental and subordinate to the principal use or structure. Accessory uses, when aggregated, shall not subordinate the principal use of the lot. A deck or similar extension of the principal structure or a garage attached to the principal structure by a roof or a common wall is considered part of the principal structure.

Aggrieved party - an owner of land whose property is directly or indirectly affected by the granting or denial of a permit or variance under this Ordinance; a person whose land abuts land for which a permit or variance has been granted; or any other person or group of persons who have suffered particularized injury as a result of the granting or denial of such permit or variance.

Agriculture - the production, keeping or maintenance for sale or lease, of plants and/or animals, including but not limited to: forages and sod crops; grains and seed crops; dairy animals and dairy products; poultry and poultry products; livestock; fruits and vegetables; and ornamental and greenhouse products. Agriculture does not include forest management and timber harvesting activities.

Aquaculture - the growing or propagation of harvestable freshwater, estuarine, or marine plant or animal species.

Basal Area - the area of cross-section of a tree stem at 4 1/2 feet above ground level and inclusive of bark.

Basement - any portion of a structure with a floor-to-ceiling height of 6 feet or more and having more than 50% of its volume below the existing ground level.

Boat Launching Facility - a facility designed primarily for the launching and landing of watercraft, and which may include an access ramp, docking area, and parking spaces for vehicles and trailers.

Campground - any area or tract of land to accommodate two (2) or more parties in temporary living quarters, including, but not limited to tents, recreational vehicles or other shelters.

Canopy – the more or less continuous cover formed by tree crowns in a wooded area.

Commercial use - the use of lands, buildings, or structures, other than a "home occupation," defined below, the intent and result of which activity is the production of income from the buying and selling of goods and/or services, exclusive of rental of residential buildings and/or dwelling units.

DBH - the diameter of a standing tree measured 4.5 feet from ground level.

Development – a change in land use involving alteration of the land, water or vegetation, or the addition or alteration of structures or other construction not naturally occurring.

Dimensional requirements - numerical standards relating to spatial relationships including but not limited to setback, lot area, shore frontage and height.

Disability - any disability, infirmity, malformation, disfigurement, congenital defect or mental condition caused by bodily injury, accident, disease, birth defect, environmental conditions or illness; and also includes the physical or mental condition of a person which constitutes a substantial handicap as determined by a physician or in the case of mental handicap, by a psychiatrist or psychologist, as well as any other health or sensory impairment which requires special education, vocational rehabilitation or related services.

Driveway - a vehicular access-way less than five hundred (500) feet in length serving two single-family dwellings or one two-family dwelling, or less.

Emergency operations - operations conducted for the public health, safety or general welfare, such as protection of resources from immediate destruction or loss, law enforcement, and operations to rescue human beings, property and livestock from the threat of destruction or injury.

Essential services - gas, electrical or communication facilities; steam, fuel, electric power or water transmission or distribution lines, towers and related equipment; telephone cables or lines, poles and related equipment; gas, oil, water, slurry or other similar pipelines; municipal sewage lines, collection or supply systems; and associated storage tanks. Such systems may include towers, poles, wires, mains, drains, pipes, conduits, cables, fire alarms and police call boxes, traffic signals, hydrants and similar accessories, but shall not include service drops or buildings which are necessary for the furnishing of such services.

Expansion of a structure - an increase in the floor area or volume of a structure, including all extensions such as, but not limited to: attached decks, garages, porches and greenhouses.

Expansion of use - the addition of one or more months to a use's operating season; or the use of more floor area or ground area devoted to a particular use.

Family - one or more persons occupying a premises and living as a single housekeeping unit.

Floodway - the channel of a river or other watercourse and adjacent land areas that must be reserved in order to discharge the 100-year flood without cumulatively increasing the water surface elevation by more than one foot in height.

Floor area - the sum of the horizontal areas of the floor(s) of a structure enclosed by exterior walls, plus the horizontal area of any unenclosed portions of a structure such as porches and decks.

Forest management activities - timber cruising and other forest resource evaluation activities, pesticide or fertilizer application, management planning activities, timber stand improvement, pruning, regeneration of forest stands, and other similar or associated activities, exclusive of timber liarvesting and the construction, creation or maintenance of roads.

Forested wetland - a freshwater wetland dominated by woody vegetation that is six (6) meters tall (approximately twenty (20) feet) or taller.

Foundation - the supporting substructure of a building or other structure, excluding wooden sills and post supports, but including basements, slabs, frostwalls, or other base consisting of concrete, block, brick or similar material.

Freshwater wetland - freshwater swamps, marshes, bogs and similar areas, other than forested wetlands, which are:

- 1. Of ten or more contiguous acres; or of less than 10 contiguous acres and adjacent to a surface water body, excluding any river, stream or brook, such that in a natural state, the combined surface area is in excess of 10 acres; and
- 2. Inundated or saturated by surface or ground water at a frequency and for a duration sufficient to support, and which under normal circumstances do support, a prevalence of wetland vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soils.

Freshwater wetlands may contain small stream channels or inclusions of land that do not conform to the criteria of this definition.

Functionally water-dependent uses - those uses that require, for their primary purpose, location on submerged lands or that require direct access to, or location in, inland waters and that can not be located away from these waters. The uses include, but are not limited to commercial and recreational fishing and boating facilities, excluding recreational boat storage buildings, finfish and shellfish processing, fish storage and retail and wholesale fish marketing facilities, waterfront dock and port facilities, shipyards and boat building facilities, marinas, navigation aids, basins and channels, retaining walls, industrial uses dependent upon water-borne transportation or requiring large volumes of cooling or processing water that can not reasonably be located or operated at an inland site, and uses that primarily provide general public access to inland waters.

Great pond - any inland body of water which in a natural state has a surface area in excess of ten acres, and any inland body of water artificially formed or increased which has a surface area in excess of thirty (30) acres except for the purposes of this Ordinance, where the artificially formed or increased inland body of water is completely surrounded by land held by a single owner,

Great pond classified GPA - any great pond classified GPA, pursuant to 38 M.R.S.A. Article 4-A Section 465-A. This classification includes some, but not all impoundments of rivers that are defined as great ponds.

Ground cover - small plants, fallen leaves, needles and twigs, and the partially decayed organic matter of the forest floor.

Height of a structure - the vertical distance between the mean original (prior to construction) grade at the downhill side of the structure and the highest point of the structure, excluding chimneys, steeples, antennas, and similar appurtenances that have no floor area.

Home occupation - an occupation or profession which is customarily conducted on or in a residential structure or property and which is 1) clearly incidental to and compatible with the residential use of the property and surrounding residential uses; and 2) which employs no more than two (2) persons other than family members residing in the home.

Increase in nonconformity of a structure - any change in a structure or property which causes further deviation from the dimensional standard(s) creating the nonconformity such as, but not limited to, reduction in water body, tributary stream or wetland setback distance, increase in lot coverage, or increase in height of a structure. Property changes or structure expansions which either meet the dimensional standard or which cause no further increase in the linear extent of nonconformance of the existing structure shall not be considered to increase nonconformity. For example, there is no increase in nonconformity with the setback requirement for water bodies, wetlands, or tributary streams if the expansion extends no further into the required setback area than does any portion of the existing nonconforming structure. Hence, a structure may be expanded laterally provided that the expansion extends no closer to the water body, tributary stream, or wetland than the closest portion of the existing structure from that water body, tributary stream, or wetland. Included in this allowance are expansions which in-fill irregularly shaped structures.

Individual private campsite - an area of land which is not associated with a campground, but which is developed for repeated camping by only one group not to exceed ten (10) individuals and which involves site improvements which may include but not be limited to a gravel pad, parking area, fire place, or tent platform.

Industrial - The assembling, fabrication, finishing, manufacturing, packaging or processing of goods, or the extraction of minerals.

Institutional – a non-profit or quasi-public use, or institution such as a church, library, public or private school, hospital, or municipally owned or operated building, structure or land used for public purposes.

Lot area - The area of land enclosed within the boundary lines of a lot, minus land below the normal high-water line of a water body or upland edge of a wetland and areas beneath roads serving more than two lots.

Marina - a business establishment having frontage on navigable water and, as its principal use, providing for hire offshore moorings or docking facilities for boats, and which may also provide accessory services such as boat and related sales, boat repair and construction, indoor and outdoor storage of boats and marine equipment, bait and tackle shops and marine fuel service facilities.

Market value - the estimated price a property will bring in the open market and under prevailing market conditions in a sale between a willing seller and a willing buyer, both conversant with the property and with prevailing general price levels.

Mineral exploration - hand sampling, test boring, or other methods of determining the nature or extent of mineral resources which create minimal disturbance to the land and which include reasonable measures to restore the land to its original condition.

Mineral extraction - any operation within any twelve (12) month period which removes more than one hundred (100) cubic yards of soil, topsoil, loam, sand, gravel, clay, rock, peat, or other like material from its natural location and to transport the product removed, away from the extraction site.

Minimum lot width - the closest distance between the side lot lines of a lot. When only two lot lines extend into the shoreland zone, both lot lines shall be considered to be side lot lines.

Multi-unit residential - a residential structure containing three (3) or more residential dwelling units.

Native - indigenous to the local forests.

Non-conforming condition - non-conforming lot, structure or use which is allowed solely because it was in lawful existence at the time this Ordinance or subsequent amendment took effect.

Non-conforming lot - a single lot of record which, at the effective date of adoption or amendment of this Ordinance, does not meet the area, frontage, or width requirements of the district in which it is located.

Non-conforming structure - a structure which does not meet any one or more of the following dimensional requirements; setback, height, or lot coverage, but which is allowed solely because it was in lawful existence at the time this Ordinance or subsequent amendments took effect.

Non-conforming use - use of buildings, structures, premises, land or parts thereof which is not allowed in the district in which it is situated, but which is allowed to remain solely because it was in lawful existence at the time this Ordinance or subsequent amendments took effect.

Normal high-water line - that line which is apparent from visible markings, changes in the character of soils due to prolonged action of the water or changes in vegetation, and which distinguishes between predominantly aquatic and predominantly terrestrial land. Areas contiguous with rivers and great ponds that support non-forested wetland vegetation and hydric soils and that are at the same or lower elevation as the water level of the river or great pond during the period of normal high-water are considered part of the river or great pond.

Person - an individual, corporation, governmental agency, municipality, trust, estate, partnership, association, two or more individuals having a joint or common interest, or other legal entity.

Piers, docks, wharves, bridges and other structures and uses extending over or below the normal high-water line or within a wetland.

Structures which remain in or over the water for less than seven (7) months in Temporary: any period of twelve (12) consecutive months.

Structures which remain in or over the water for seven (7) months or more in any Permanent:

period of twelve (12) consecutive months.

Principal structure - a building other than one which is used for purposes wholly incidental or accessory to the use of another building or use on the same premises.

Principal use - a use other than one which is wholly incidental or accessory to another use on the same premises.

Public facility - any facility, including, but not limited to, buildings, property, recreation areas, and roads, which are owned, leased, or otherwise operated, or funded by a governmental body or public entity.

Recent floodplain soils - the following soil series as described and identified by the National Cooperative Soil Survey:

Fryeburg	Hadley	Limerick
Lovewell	Medomak	Ondawa
Alluvial	Cornish	Charles
Podunk	Rumney	Saco
Suncook	Sunday	Winooski

Recreational facility - a place designed and equipped for the conduct of sports, leisure time activities, and other customary and usual recreational activities, excluding boat launching facilities.

Recreational vehicle - a vehicle or an attachment to a vehicle designed to be towed, and designed for temporary sleeping or living quarters for one or more persons, and which may include a pick-up camper, travel trailer, tent trailer, camp trailer, and motor home. In order to be considered as a vehicle and not as a structure, the unit must remain with its tires on the ground, and must be registered with the State Division of Motor Vehicles.

Replacement system - a system intended to replace: 1.) an existing system which is either malfunctioning or being upgraded with no significant change of design flow or use of the structure, or 2.) any existing overboard wastewater discharge.

Residential dwelling unit - a room or group of rooms designed and equipped exclusively for use as permanent, seasonal, or temporary living quarters for only one family at a time, and containing cooking, sleeping and toilet facilities. The term shall include mobile homes and rental units that contain cooking, sleeping, and toilet facilities regardless of the time-period rented. Recreational vehicles are not residential dwelling units.

Residual basal area - the average of the basal area of trees remaining on a harvested site.

Riprap - rocks, irregularly shaped, and at least six (6) inches in diameter, used for erosion control and soil stabilization, typically used on ground slopes of two (2) units horizontal to one (1) unit vertical or less.

River - a free-flowing body of water including its associated floodplain wetlands from that point at which it provides drainage for a watershed of twenty five (25) square miles to its mouth.

Road - a route or track consisting of a bed of exposed mineral soil, gravel, asphalt, or other surfacing material constructed for or created by the repeated passage of motorized vehicles, excluding a driveway as defined.

Service drop - any utility line extension which does not cross or run beneath any portion of a water body provided that:

1. in the case of electric service

- a. the placement of wires and/or the installation of utility poles is located entirely upon the premises of the customer requesting service or upon a roadway right-of-way; and
- b. the total length of the extension is less than one thousand (1,000) feet.

2. in the case of telephone service

- a. the extension, regardless of length, will be made by the installation of telephone wires to existing utility poles, or
- b. the extension requiring the installation of new utility poles or placement underground is less than one thousand (1,000) feet in length.

Setback - the nearest horizontal distance from the normal high-water line of a water body or tributary stream, or upland edge of a wetland, to the nearest part of a structure, road, parking space or other regulated object or area.

Shore frontage - the length of a lot bordering on a water body or wetland measured in a straight line between the intersections of the lot lines with the shoreline.

Shoreland zone - the land area located within two hundred and fifty (250) feet, horizontal distance, of the normal high-water line of any great pond or river; within 250 feet, horizontal distance, of the upland edge of a freshwater wetland; or within seventy-five (75) feet, horizontal distance, of the normal high-water line of a stream.

Shoreline - the normal high-water line, or upland edge of a freshwater wetland.

Significant River Segments - See Appendix B or 38 M.R.S.A. section 437.

Skid trail – a route repeatedly used by forwarding machinery or animal to haul or drag forest products from the stump to the yard or landing, the construction of which requires minimal excavation.

Slash - the residue, e.g., treetops and branches, left on the ground after a timber harvest.

Stream - a free-flowing body of water from the outlet of a great pond or the confluence of two (2) perennial streams as depicted on the most recent edition of a United States Geological Survey 7.5 minute series topographic map, or if not available, a 15-minute series topographic map, to the point where the body of water becomes a river or flows to another water body or wetland within the shoreland area.

Structure - anything built for the support, shelter or enclosure of persons, animals, goods or property of any kind, together with anything constructed or erected with a fixed location on or in the ground, exclusive of fences, and poles, wiring and other aerial equipment normally associated with service drops as well as guying and guy anchors. The term includes structures temporarily or permanently located, such as decks, patios, and satellite dishes.

Substantial start - completion of thirty (30) percent of a permitted structure or use measured as a percentage of estimated total cost.

Subsurface sewage disposal system — any system designed to dispose of waste or waste water on or beneath the surface of the earth; includes, but is not limited to: septic tanks; disposal fields; grandfathered cesspools; holding tanks; pretreatment filter, piping, or any other fixture, mechanism, or apparatus used for those purposes; does not include any discharge system licensed under 38 M.R.S.A. section 414, any surface waste water disposal system, or any municipal or quasi-municipal sewer or waste water treatment system.

Sustained slope - a change in elevation where the referenced percent grade is substantially maintained or exceeded throughout the measured area.

Timber harvesting - the cutting and removal of timber for the primary purpose of selling or processing forest products. The cutting or removal of trees in the shoreland zone on a lot that has less than two (2) acres within the shoreland zone shall not be considered timber harvesting. Such cutting or removal of trees shall be regulated pursuant to Section 15 (P), Clearing or Removal of Vegetation for Activities Other Than Timber Harvesting.

Tributary stream – means a channel between defined banks created by the action of surface water, which is characterized by the lack of terrestrial vegetation or by the presence of a bed, devoid of topsoil, containing waterborne deposits or exposed soil, parent material or bedrock; and which is connected hydrologically with other water bodies. "Tributary stream" does not include rills or gullies forming because of accelerated erosion in disturbed soils where the natural vegetation cover has been removed by human activity.

This definition does not include the term "stream" as defined elsewhere in this Ordinance, and only applies to that portion of the tributary stream located within the shoreland zone of the receiving water body or wetland.

Upland edge of a wetland - the boundary between upland and wetland. For purposes of a freshwater wetland, the upland edge is formed where the soils are not saturated for a duration sufficient to support wetland vegetation; or where the soils support the growth of wetland vegetation, but such vegetation is dominated by woody stems that are six (6) meters (approximately twenty (20) foot) tall or taller.

Vegetation - all live trees, shrubs, and other plants including without limitation, trees both over and under 4 inches in diameter, measured at 4 1/2 feet above ground level.

Volume of a structure - the volume of all portions of a structure enclosed by roof and fixed exterior walls as measured from the exterior faces of these walls and roof.

Water body - any great pond, river or stream.

Water crossing - any project extending from one bank to the opposite bank of a river, stream, tributary stream, or wetland whether under, through, or over the water or wetland. Such projects include but may not be limited to roads, fords, bridges, culverts, water lines, sewer lines, and cables as well as maintenance work on these crossings. This definition includes crossings for timber harvesting equipment and related activities.

Wetland - a freshwater wetland.

Woody Vegetation - live trees or woody, non-herbaceous shrubs.

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Chapter 205: RULES RELATING TO CAMPGROUNDS

SUMMARY: These rules outline the requirements for licensing Tent and Recreational Vehicle Parks, Wilderness Recreation Parks, Agricultural Fair Campgrounds, and Temporary Campgrounds.

1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 1.A. License required: No person, corporation, firm or partnership shall conduct, control, manage or operate, for compensation, directly or indirectly, any park, agricultural fair campground, or temporary campground unless the same shall be licensed by the Department.
- 1.B. **License posted**: Licenses issued must be displayed at the office of the park or in a place readily visible to customers and other persons using a licensed park.
- 1.C. **Applicant**: Any person, corporation, firm or partnership desiring a license shall submit satisfactory evidence of his, her or its ability to comply with the minimum standards of these rules.
- 1.D. **Exceptions**: Any park, licensed by the Department prior to the effective date of these rules, which may not comply with all design and construction standards of these rules, shall be deemed acceptable for licensing if capable of being maintained and operated in a sanitary condition.
- 1.E. **Existing parks:** Parks existing as of the date of enactment of these rules shall be licensed for the number of existing approved sites within the park available for lease and parks under development with plans submitted and approved by the Department or other Statutory Authority shall be licensed provided that the proposed developments do not include hazards to public health and safety.
- 1.F. Number of sites: Each application for new license and renewal of license shall include information specifying the number of approved sites within the park that shall be available for lease during the license year. The owner or person in charge of the park shall not permit the placement of any R.V.'s exceeding the number of sites approved on the issued license.
- 1.G. License fees: Each application for, or for renewal of, a license to operate a park shall be accompanied by the required fee. The following schedule of fees are required for licensing of parks: Base fee \$45.00 plus \$1.00 per site to a maximum of \$125.00.
 - 1.G.1. Fees for additional inspections: All such fees are for the license, 2 licensure inspections and one follow-up inspection. When additional inspections are required to determine an applicant's eligibility for licensure,

- the Department may charge an additional fee of \$20 for costs for each additional inspection required.
- 1.G.2. Failure to pay fees: Failure to pay such charges within 30 days of the billing date shall constitute grounds for revocation of said license, unless an extension for a period not to exceed 60 days is granted in writing by the Commissioner.
- 1.G.3. No refunds: No fees shall be refunded.
- 1.H. **Issuance of license**: The Department shall, within 30 days following receipt of application and the appropriate license fee, issue a license to operate a park which is found to comply with Chapter 562 and these rules. No license shall be assignable or transferable.
 - 1.H.1. Conditional licenses: When any applicant is found, based upon an inspection by the Department or by municipal inspection made according to 22 M.R.S.A. §2499, not in compliance with the requirements of Chapter 562 or these rules, the Department may refuse issuance of the initial license, but shall issue a conditional license, except when conditions are found which present a serious danger to the health and safety of the public. A conditional license shall not exceed 90 days. Failure by the conditional licensee to meet the conditions specified by the Department shall permit the Department to void the conditional license. The conditional license shall be void when the Department has delivered in hand or by certified mail a written notice to the conditional licensee or, if the licensee cannot be reached for service in hand or by certified mail, has left notice thereof at the facility.
 - 1.H.2. **Term of license**: A full-year license shall be issued for one year from the date of issuance.
 - 1.H.3. **Relicensure**: The Department shall notify license holders no less than 30 days prior to the expiration of their license and provide them with any necessary forms for relicensure.
 - 1.H.4. **Issued in error**: Licenses erroneously issued by the Department shall be considered void and shall be returned to the Department on demand.
- 1.I. Right of entry and inspection: The Department and any duly designated officer or employee of the Department shall have the right, without an administrative inspection warrant, to enter upon and into the premises of any establishment licensed pursuant to Chapter 562 and these rules at any reasonable time in order to determine the state of compliance with this chapter and any rules in force pursuant thereto. Such right of entry and inspection shall extend to any premises which the Department has reason to believe is being operated or maintained without a license, but no such entry or inspection of any premises may be made without the permission of the owner or person in charge, unless an administrative search warrant authorizing entry and inspection is obtained.

- 1.J. **Right of appeal**: Any person aggrieved by any decision of the Department, including the promulgation of any rules, may, within 30 days of the decision or the publication of the rules, request an administrative hearing in accordance with Maine's *Administrative Procedure Act*.
- 1.K. **Rules**: The Department is authorized and empowered to make, revise and enforce all necessary rules for the administration of 22 M.R.S.A. ch. 562.
- 1.L. **Suspension or revocation; appeals**: When the Department believes a license should be suspended or revoked, it shall file a statement or complaint with the Administrative Court Judge and shall furnish a copy of the statement or complaint to the license holder. A person aggrieved by the refusal of the Department to issue a license may, within 30 days request an administrative hearing in accordance with Maine's *Administrative Procedure Act*.
- 1.M. Penalties: Any person, corporation, firm or partnership who shall operate any park without first obtaining a license as required by 22 M.R.S.A. §2492 shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$100, and upon second or subsequent conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$100. Each day any such person, corporation, firm or partnership operates without obtaining a license shall constitute a separate offense. In the event of any violation of this section or any rule hereunder, the Attorney General may seek to enjoin further violation thereof, in addition to any other remedy.
- 1.N. Severability: The provisions of the rules are severable. If any provision of the rules is invalid, or if the application to any person or circumstance is invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application.
- 1.O. **Variance**: The Department may, upon consideration, permit a modification or variance from these rules when compliance with the provisions of these rules would incur hardship out of proportion to the degree of public health protection secured thereby.

1.P. Definitions

- 1.P.1. **Approved:** In compliance with Department established rules and standards or alternatives approved by the Department which are consistent with minimum public health practices.
- 1.P.2. **Agricultural Fair Campground**: An Agricultural Fair Campground is a campground operated by an Agricultural Fair licensed by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.
- 1.P.3. **Campground:** A tent and recreational vehicle park or wilderness recreational park.
- 1.P.4. Caravan: An organized group of independent R.V.'s traveling together.
- 1.P.5. Commissioner: The Commissioner of Health and Human Services.

- 1.P.6. **Department**: The State of Maine Department of Health and Human Services.
- 1.P.7. **Dumping Station**: A facility used for removing and disposing of wastes from R.V. holding tanks.
- 1.P.8. Non-water carried sewage disposal facilities: Non-water carried sewage disposal facilities include pit privies, vault privies, chemical toilets, and composting toilets.
- 1.P.9. **Park**: Any tent, tent and R.V.'s, and wilderness recreational park.
- 1.P.10. **Primitive site**: A site which does not have access to water, sanitary buildings and is located in a wilderness recreational park.
- 1.P.11. **Proprietor**: Any person, corporation, firm, organization, municipality, or partnership who shall own or operate any park.
- 1.P.12. Rallies: Any organized assembly of R.V.'s.
- 1.P.13. **Recreational vehicle**: Any of the following:
 - 1.P.13.a. **Travel R.V.**: A vehicular, portable structure built on a chassis, designed to be used as a temporary dwelling for travel, recreational and vacational uses, permanently identified travel R.V. by the manufacturer of the R.V.
 - 1.P.13.b. **Pick-up coach**: A structure designed to be mounted on a truck chassis for use as a temporary dwelling for travel, recreation and vacation.
 - 1.P.13.c. **Motor home**: A portable, temporary dwelling to be used for travel, recreation and vacation, constructed as an integral part of a self-propelled vehicle.
 - 1.P.13.d. Camping trailer: A canvas, folding structure, mounted on wheels and designed for travel, recreation and vacation use.
 - 1.P.13.e. **Dependent R.V.**: An R.V. which is dependent upon a service building for toilet and lavatory facilities.
 - 1.P.13.f. Self-contained/Independent R.V.: An R.V. which can operate independent of connections to sewer, water and electric systems. It may contain water-flushed toilet, lavatory, shower and kitchen sink, all of which are connected to water storage and grey water and sewage holding tanks located within the R.V.

- 1.P.14. R.V.: A recreational vehicle.
- 1.P.15. Safaris: See Rallies.
- 1.P.16. Service building: A structure housing toilet, lavatory and such other facilities as may be required by these rules.
- 1.P.17. Service sink: A slop sink for the disposal of liquid wastes from R.V.
- 1.P.18. Sewer connection: The connection consisting of all pipes, fittings and appurtenances from the drain outlet of the R.V. to the inlet of the corresponding sewer riser pipe of the sewage system serving the park.
- 1.P.19. Sewer riser pipe: That portion of the sewer lateral which extends vertically to the ground elevation and terminates at a site.
- 1.P.20. Site: A parcel of land for placement of a R.V. and/or tent.
- 1.P.21. **Shall**: A term used to indicate that which is required, the only acceptable method under these rules.
- 1.P.22. Should: A term used to reflect the most preferable procedure, yet providing for use of effective alternatives.
- 1.P.23. Temporary Campground: A campground set up or run for a particular event or events not to exceed 12 days in calendar year.
- 1.P.24 Water riser pipe: That portion of the water supply system which extends vertically to the ground elevation and terminates at a point at a site.
- 1.P.25. Watering station: A facility for supplying water storage tanks of R.V.'s with potable water.
- 1.P.26. Wilderness recreational park: A park which contains only primitive sites.

2. REGISTERS

- 2.A. Required: The proprietor shall keep and maintain or cause to be kept and maintained therein, a register of guests renting or occupying sites. The register may be a book or separate registration form or card.
- 2.B. Signed by guests: Such register shall be signed by the person renting sites or by someone under their direction. The proprietor or their agent shall write opposite each name the number of sites assigned to and occupied by each guest, and the state and license number of any automobile then being used or operated by the registrant.

2.C. Retention of registers: The proprietor or their agent shall keep and preserve the record for 5 years showing the date of registration and duration of occupancy of each site. Said register shall be available to any agent of this Department upon request.

3. SANITARY FACILITIES

- 3.A. **Water supply**: The park's water supply shall conform to applicable laws and rules relating to water supplies.
 - 3.A.1. **Hot and cold water:** Warm and cold running water, under pressure, shall be provided to all sanitary buildings except when deemed impracticable by the Department.
 - 3.A.2. Water for ice: Ice shall be made from water meeting the requirements of Section 3-A. The ice making machine shall be located, installed, operated and maintained so as to prevent contamination of ice. A license for ice making shall be obtained from the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.
 - 3.A.3. **Handling ice**: Ice shall be handled, transported and stored in such a manner as to be protected against contamination.
 - 3.A.4. **Water analysis**: A copy of the current water analysis shall be at the park and in view of the public. A water sample shall be taken, tested and shown to be satisfactory before the campground opens for the season.
- 3.B. **Sewage disposal**: All water carried sewage shall be disposed of by means of: a public system; or an approved sewage disposal system which is constructed and operated in conformance with applicable state and local laws, ordinances and regulations.
 - 3.B.1. Allowed systems: Non-water-carried sewage disposal facilities shall not be used, except where specifically indicated. Under such conditions, only facilities which have been approved by the Department shall be used, and operation of these facilities shall be in conformance with the Maine Subsurface Wastewater Disposal Rules 144A CMR 241.
 - 3.B.2. **No surface discharges:** No liquid wastes from sinks shall be charged onto or allowed to accumulate on the ground surface. The sink waste shall be discharged into a suitable container which can then be emptied into a proper sewerage facility at the service building or sanitary station.
- 3.C. Materials: All materials used for sewer connections shall be semi-rigid, corrosion-resistant, non-absorbent and durable. All connections shall be water-tight. Sewer connections for seasonal campers shall be of rigid pipe.
- 3.D. **Dump station**: A dump station shall be provided consisting of at least a four inch (10 cm.) sewer riser pipe, connected to the R.V. sewage disposal system, surrounded at the inlet by a 3 foot by 3 foot concrete apron sloped to the drain, provided with a suitable

hinged cover and/or screw cap; and a water outlet to permit periodic wash down of adjacent areas. This water outlet shall be protected with an anti-siphon backflow preventor. A sign shall be posted stating that the water from this outlet is not for drinking purposes.

- 3.D.1. **Distance from sites**: Sanitary stations shall be separated from any site by a distance of at least 50 feet (15.1 m.).
- 3.E. **Individual sewer risers**: The sewer riser pipe shall have at least a three inch (7.6 cm.) diameter and shall be conveniently located. These risers may be cast iron, Schedule 40, PVC or ABS plastic and shall be capped when not in use.
- 3.F. Sanitary building: Service buildings containing the necessary toilet/privy and other plumbing fixtures specified shall be provided in all parks. Service buildings shall be conveniently located within a radius of 500 feet (151 m.) to the sites to be served. Agricultural fair campgrounds shall be exempt from this requirement. Campgrounds shall be exempt from the 500 foot radius requirement with regard to camping sites that will be occupied by self-contained/independent RV or camper units on sites that provide water and sewer connections.
 - 3.F.1. **Required**: For parks, except wilderness recreational parks, the following facilities shall be provided:

TAT 1 C 24 4 40	To	ilets	
Number of sites 1*		+	Urinals 4*
	Men	Women	Men
1-15	11	1	1
16-30	1	2	1
31-45	2	2	1
46-60	2	3	1
61-80	3	4	1
81-100	3	4	1

Number of sites 1*	Lavatories +		Showers 2*	
	Men	Women	Men	Women
1-15	1	1	1	1
16-30	2	2	1	1
31-45	3	3	1	1
46-60	3	3	1	1
61-80	4	4	2	2
81-100	4	4	3	3

(1*) This column is the summation of all sites without complete water and sewer hookups plus one quarter (1/4) the total number of sites

- with complete water and sewer hookups. RV only parks must conform to this standard.
- (2*) Showers may be located in several service buildings or one centrally located shower building.
- (3*) One service sink shall be provided at each sanitary building.
- (4*) Delete urinals if using privies, but increase number of units for males by 1.
- 3.F.2. **Parks with over 100 sites**: For parks having more than 100 sites, there shall be provided; 1 additional toilet/privy and lavatory for each sex per each additional 40; and 1 additional men's urinal per each additional 100 sites.
- 3.F.3. Separate water closet compartments: Water closets/privies shall be located in separate compartments.
- 3.F.4. **Lavatory water supplies:** Warm and cold water or a mixture of warm water shall be furnished to every lavatory, sink, bathtub, and shower, and cold water shall be furnished to every closet, urinal, flushing rim sink and laundry fixture.
- 3.F.5. **Building sanitation**: The floors, walls and ceiling of the sanitary building shall be kept clean and in good repair. The toilets, lavatories and showers shall be cleaned and disinfected daily. The fixtures shall be maintained in good repair.
- 3.F.6. **Odor control**: The building shall be free of objectionable odors.
- 3.G. Sanitary facilities for primitive sites: For every four (4) primitive sites, at least one (1) privy shall be constructed.
 - 3.G.1. Accessible: Privies shall be easily accessible from sites and be at least 75 feet from the sites. Pathways to privies shall be well marked.
 - 3.G.2. **Water protection**: Privies shall be located so as not to endanger water supply, surface and ground water.

4. NON-CONFORMING USAGE

- 4.A. **Requests**: Any property owner or lessee may request the Department for permission to use such property in a manner otherwise prohibited by these rules.
- 4.B. **Burden of proof**: The burden of proof shall be upon the applicant to demonstrate by substantial evidence, that:
 - 4.B.1. **Hardship**: Strict compliance with the rules and standards would, because of exceptional or unique conditions of topography, access, location, shape, size,

or other physical features of the site, cause unusual hardship or extraordinary difficulties, provided that the unusual hardship or extraordinary difficulties claimed as a ground for variance have not been created by the owner or a predecessor in title;

- 4.B.2. **Intent**: The proposed development is in keeping with the general spirit and intent of this chapter; and
- 4.B.3. **Public interest**: The public interest is otherwise protected.
- 4.C. **Issuance**: The Department may issue a variance only after having made written findings of fact and conclusions indicating that the applicant has met the burden of proof of Section 4-B. The variance may be issued upon such terms and conditions as the Department deems appropriate. If the variance is not issued as requested, the Department shall provide the applicant with written notice of the reason therefor.

5. GARBAGE AND RUBBISH DISPOSAL

- 5.A. Containers: Garbage and rubbish shall be kept in durable insect proof containers that do not leak and do not absorb liquids. Plastic bags and wet-strength paper bags may be used to line these containers.
 - 5.A.1. **Tight lids**: All containers shall be provided with tight-fitting lids.
 - 5.A.2. Adequate number: There shall be a sufficient number of containers to hold all of the garbage and rubbish which accumulates between periods of removal from the premises.
- 5.B. **Garbage disposal**: All garbage and rubbish shall be disposed of on a regular basis so as not to create a health hazard.
 - 5.B.1. Approved disposal sites: Where municipal or private disposal service is not available, the proprietor of any park shall dispose of the refuse by transportation to a disposal site approved by local community involved or by the State Solid Waste Program.

6. VERMIN CONTROL

- 6.A. Insect and rodent control: Grounds, buildings and structures shall be maintained free of insect and rodent harborage and infestation. Extermination methods and other measures to control insects and rodents shall conform with the requirements of the Department and other state or federal rules.
 - 6.A.1. General: Parks shall be maintained free of accumulations of debris which may provide rodent harborage, or breeding places for flies, mosquitoes and other pests.

- 6.A.2. **Maintenance**: Storage areas shall be so maintained as to prevent rodent harborage.
- 6.A.3. Screening: Where the potential for insect and rodent infestation exists, all exterior openings in or beneath any structure shall be appropriately screened with wire mesh or other suitable materials.
- 6.B. Screening: All openings to the outer air shall be effectively protected against the entrance of flies and other flying insects by self-closing doors, closed windows, and screening.
 - 6.B.1. **Mesh size**: Screening material shall be not less than 16-mesh to the inch or equivalent.
 - 6.B.2. **Self-closing doors**: Screen doors to the outer air shall be self-closing; and screens for windows, doors, skylights, transoms, and other openings to the outer air shall be tight-fitting and free of breaks.
- 6.C. Rodent proofing: All openings to the outside shall be effectively protected against the entrance of rodents.

7. REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION

- 7.A. General requirements: Condition of soil, ground water level drainage and topography shall not create hazards to the property or to the health or safety of the occupants. The site shall not be exposed to objectionable smoke, noise, odors or other adverse influences, and no portion subject to unpredictable and/or sudden flooding, subsidence or erosion shall be used for any purpose which would expose persons or property to hazards.
 - 7.A.1. **Minimum lot sizes**: Sites shall contain a minimum of 1000 square feet (92-9 sq. m.) (not including roads and streets) for each R.V. and tent site, except that in areas subject to the 250-foot (76.2 m.) mandatory *Shoreland Zoning Act*, there shall be a minimum of 5,000 square feet (464.5 sq. m.) of suitable land, (not including roads and streets,) for each site.
 - 7.A.2. **Primitive sites**: Primitive site shall contain a minimum of 10,000 square feet (929 sq. m.).
- 7.B. Setback: All R.V. and tents shall be located at least 25 feet (7.6 m.) from any park boundary line abutting upon a public street or highway and at least 15 feet (4.5 m.) from other park or area property boundary lines, and 100 feet (30.5 m.) from the normal high water mark of a great pond classified GPA or a river flowing to a great pond classified GPA, and 75 feet (22.9 m.) from the normal high-water line of other water bodies, tributary streams, or the upland edge of a wetland subject to the 250-foot (76.2 m.) Shoreland Zoning requirements.

- 7.C. Roads and streets: All parking areas shall be provided with safe and convenient vehicular access from abutting public streets or roads to each R.V. site. Alignment and gradient shall be properly adapted to topography.
 - 7.C.1. **Surfacing and maintenance**: Surfacing and maintenance shall provide a smooth, hard and dense surface which shall be well drained.
 - 7.C.2. Access to sites: Access to R.V. sites shall be designed to minimize congestion and hazards at the entrance or exit and allow free movement of traffic on adjacent streets.
- 7.D. Water stations: Each park, except wilderness recreational parks, shall be provided with one or more easily accessible water supply outlets for filling R.V. water storage tanks. Such supply outlets shall be protected against the hazards of backflow and back siphonage.
 - 7.D.1. **Individual water services**: If facilities for individual water service connections are provided, the following requirements shall apply:
 - 7.D.1.a. **Riser location**: Riser pipes provided for individual water-service connections shall be so located and constructed that they will not be damaged by the parking of R.V.'s.
 - 7.D.1.b. **Riser size**: Water riser pipes shall extend at least four inches (10.2 cm.) above ground elevation. The pipe size shall be at least one half (1/2) inch (1.3 cm.).
 - 7.D.1.c. Frost protection: Adequate provisions shall be made to prevent freezing of service lines, valves and riser pipes if operated during late fall or winter.
 - 7.D.1.e. **Backflow protection**: The use of ordinary stop and waste valves where aspiration or backflow can occur into the potable water system is prohibited.
- 7.E. Electrical distribution system: Every park shall contain an electrical wiring system consisting of wiring, fixtures, equipment and appurtenances which shall be installed and maintained in accordance with applicable state and local codes and rules governing such systems. (Title 32 Chapter 17 M.R.S.A.)
- 7.F. **Swimming pools**: Where a swimming pool is provided, it shall be constructed and operated in accordance with all state rules applicable to swimming pools.
- 7.G. **Plumbing**: All plumbing shall comply with applicable state and local plumbing laws, ordinances and regulations.

8. SUBMISSION OF PLANS FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION

- 8.A. **Plan information**: A complete plan of any proposed new, expanded or altered park shall be submitted to the Department for approval before construction and licensing. The following information shall be included in any plans submitted to the Department:
 - 8.A.1. Applicant: Name and address of applicant.
 - 8.A.2. Legal description: Location and legal description of the park.
 - 8.A.3. Engineering plans: Complete engineering plans, drawn to scale, and specifications of the proposed park or area showing, when applicable:
 - 8.A.4. Location of sites: The number and location of R.V.'s and tenting sites.
 - 8.A.5. Roads: The location of roadways.
 - 8.A.6. Water and sewer lines: The location of water and sewer lines and riser pipes.
 - 8.A.7. **Buildings**: Plans, location and specifications of all buildings constructed or proposed within the park.
 - 8.A.8. **Lighting**: The location and details of lighting and electrical systems.
 - 8.A.9. **Type of park**: The type of park proposed, R.V. and tent or wilderness recreational park.
 - 8.A.10. **Water supply**: The source of the drinking water supply and water test results along with a well approval form if source is a well.
 - 8.A.11. Wastewater disposal: Design of wastewater disposal system on HHE-200 form.
 - 8.A.12. **Date**: The date the plans were drawn up.
 - 8.A.13. **Signature**: Signature of the preparer of the plan.

9. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR WILDERNESS RECREATIONAL AREAS

- 9.A. **Privies**: Privies shall be constructed to be fly tight and ventilated.
 - 9.A.1. Seats: Toilet seats shall be provided for privies.
 - 9.A.2. Waste disposal: Surface soil shall not be contaminated.
 - 9.A.3. **Vermin control**: Excreta shall not be accessible to flies and animals.

- 9.A.4. **Odor control**: There shall be freedom from odors and unsightly conditions. Chlorinated lime or other approved chemicals shall be used to control odors.
- 9.A.5. **Self-closing doors**: Privy doors shall be self-closing.

10. REQUIREMENTS FOR TEMPORARY CAMPGROUNDS

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- 10.A. Wastewater: No wastewater shall be disposed of on the ground.
 - 10.A.1. **Disposal system**: Approved septic system or holding tank shall be provided.
 - 10.A.2. **Toilets**: Adequate number of portable toilets or non-water carried sewage disposal facilities shall be provided. At least one portable toilet shall be provided for every 150 campers.
 - 10.B. **Tents and RV's**: All tents and RV's shall be removed from the site within 24 hours after a temporary event.
 - 10.C. Plans: Plans indicating name, address, telephone number of person in charge, number of persons expected, name, date and duration of event, location of campground, type and number of toilet facilities, method of wastewater disposal and source of drinking water must be submitted to this office at least 30 days prior to each event.
 - 10.D. **Application and Fee**: Application may be submitted by a licensed Park or Campground, or by an independent facility. The fee for a temporary campground license will be \$125.
 - 10.E. If a temporary campground operates for more than 12 days in a calendar year, it will no longer be considered to be temporary and must meet all requirements of a regular campground, including site size and number of sanitary facilities.

11. REQUIREMENTS FOR AGRICULTURAL FAIR CAMPGROUNDS

- 11.A. Agricultural fair campgrounds shall make application, pay a fee of \$125.00, and be licensed each year prior to the opening of the fair campground.
- 11.B. Agricultural fair campgrounds shall be in compliance with sections 1, 3, 5 and 6 of these regulations.

- 11.C. Agricultural fair campgrounds shall be licensed for all camping events permitted by the Fair prior to the effective date of these rules.
- 11.D. An Agricultural fair campground seeking licensure for expansion of camping facility capacity or use of new grounds shall be required to meet the requirements of these rules for a temporary campground for events totaling no more than 12 days per year, or the requirement for a regular campground for events totaling more than 12 days per year.

The provisions of this section (11) become effective January 1, 2001.

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Kim Pierce, Civil Rights Compliance Coordinator, has been designated to coordinate our efforts to comply with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services regulations (45 C.F.R. Parts 80, 84, and 91), the Department of Justice regulations (28 C.F.R. part 35), and the U.S. Department of Education regulations (34 C.F.R. Part 106) implementing these Federal laws. Inquiries concerning the application of these regulations and our grievance procedures for resolution of complaints alleging discrimination may be referred to Kim Pierce at 221 State Street, Augusta, ME 04333, telephone number: (207) 287-3488 (Voice) or (207) 287-4479 (TDD), or the Assistant Secretary of the Office of Civil Rights of the applicable department (e.g. the Department of Education), Washington, D.C.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 M.R.S.A. §§ 2491 to 2501

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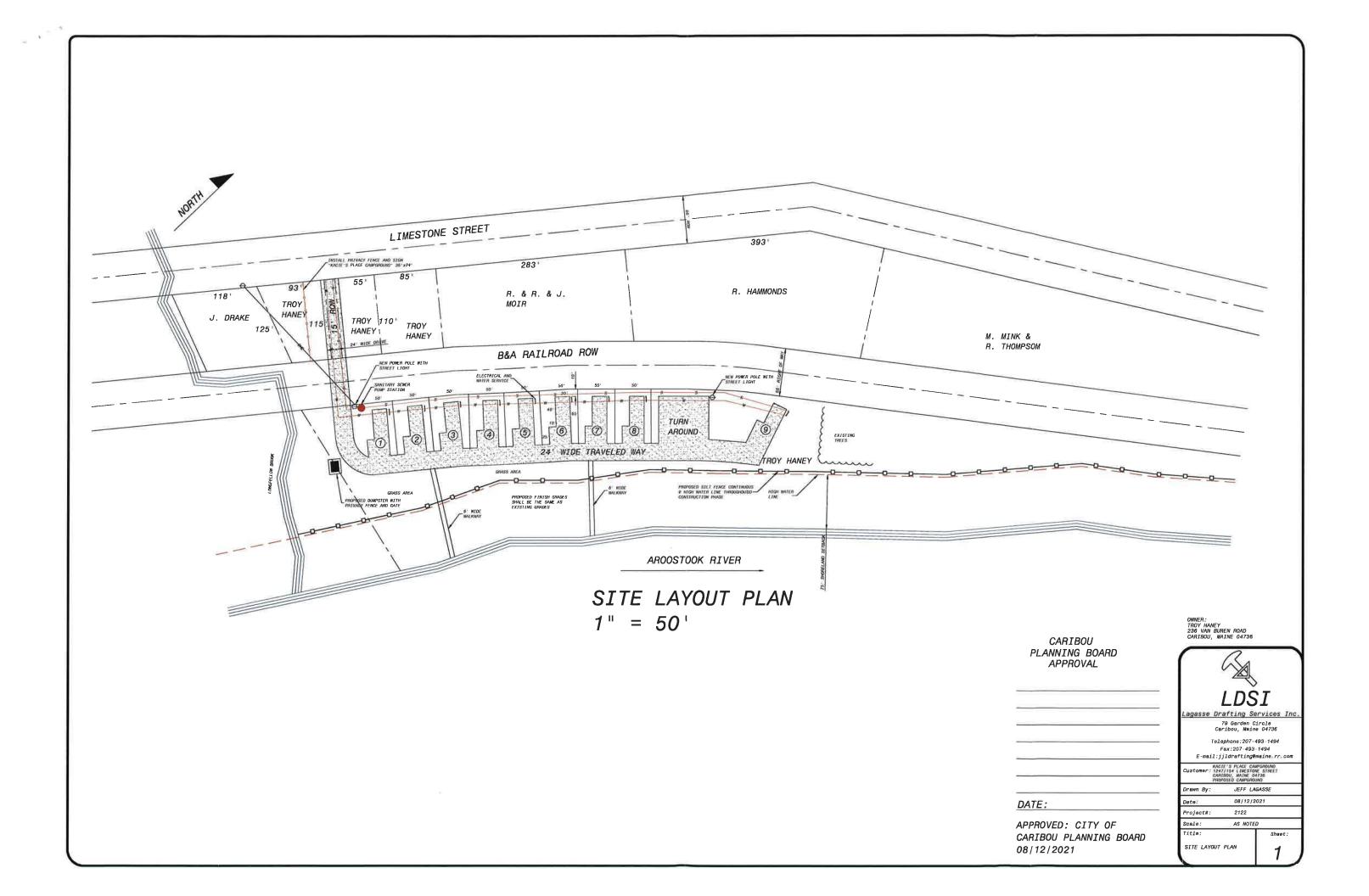
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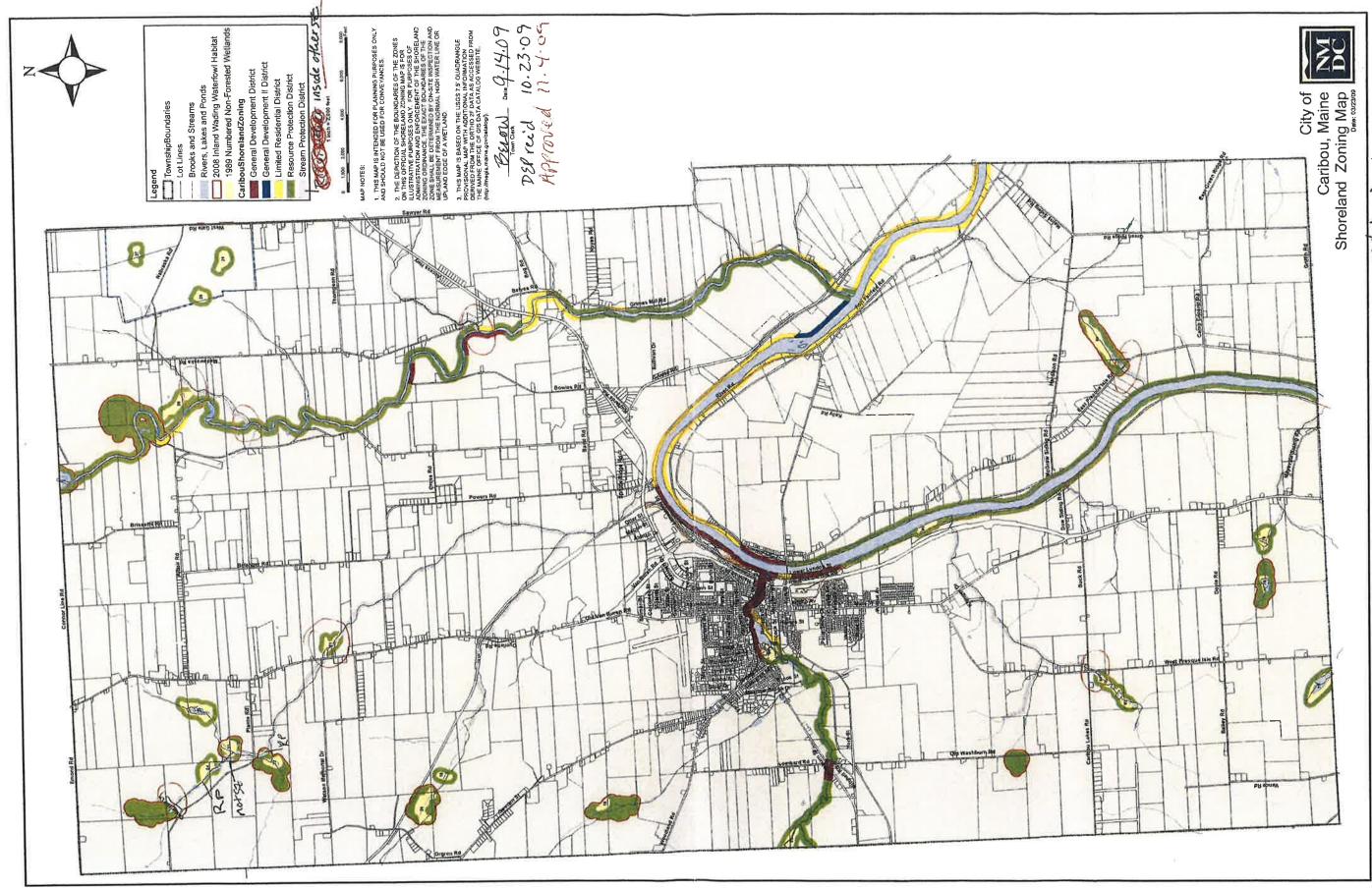
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