

**CITY OF BELFAST PLANNING BOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS
NORDIC AQUAFARMS PERMIT APPLICATIONS**

The City of Belfast Planning Board has scheduled two initial meetings on Permit applications submitted to the City by Nordic Aquafarms, Inc. to develop a land based salmon aquaculture facility on a 56 acre site located on the northwesterly side of Route One near the lower reservoir of the Little River. The meetings include:

- 1) Wednesday, June 26, 2019, beginning at 6:00 pm in the Room 138 Conference Facility at the University of Maine Hutchinson Center that is located at 80 Belmont Avenue. Nordic Aquafarms will present information to the Board and the public on their permit applications. The Board will not be conducting any substantive review of the applications at this meeting, and the Board will not be accepting any public comment; this meeting does not include a public hearing.
- 2) Wednesday, July 10, 2019, beginning at 5:00 pm, the Board will conduct a site visit of the proposed development. The Board will first meet at the paved area near the Water District offices located at 285 Northport Avenue and will then walk the site with the applicant. Planning Board members and City staff and consultants have the right to ask questions of the applicant. While the public may attend and observe during the site visit, the public may not ask any questions of the applicant or the Board. Persons who attend the site visit should recognize that the City will not be taking any measures to ensure that everyone in the public can hear what the Applicant is describing to the Board. Also, most of the site visit will involve walking over rough terrain, some of which is un-cleared.

The Belfast Planning Board is responsible for reviewing and making a decision on the following permit applications identified in the City Code of Ordinances:

- Chapter 82, Shoreland Permit;
- Chapter 90, Site Plan Permit; and
- Chapter 102, Zoning Use Permit, Significant Groundwater Well Permit & Significant Water Intake/Significant Water Discharge Pipes Permit (location of pipes).

The Board's review of the above permits also involves other City Ordinances, including but not necessarily limited to Chapter 66, General Provisions, and Chapter 98, Technical Standards.

The site that Nordic Aquafarms, Inc. proposes to develop includes parts of all of the following properties, as such are identified on the City of Belfast Tax Assessor maps:

- Map 29, Lot 39, located at 285 Northport Avenue that is owned by the Belfast Water District;
- Map 4, Lot 104, located off of Northport Avenue that is owned by Sam Cassida;
- Map 4, Lot 12A, located at 22 Perkins Road that is owned by Goldenrod Properties, LLC; and
- Map 29, Lot 36, located at 282 Northport Ave, that is owned by Richard Eckrote.

Persons who want to offer written comment to the Planning Board on the Permit applications at this time can do so in one of two ways. You can submit comment in writing to: City of Belfast, Code & Planning Department, 131 Church St, Belfast, ME, 04915. Comment also may be

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

The City Code and Planning Department anticipates receiving the Nordic Aquafarms permit applications on Tuesday, June 11. The Department, by June 14, will be posting electronic versions of the applications on the City website, cityofbelfast.org, reference Planning and Codes, Related Links, Nordic Permit Applications. The Department also will have two complete copies of the application in its offices that are available for public inspection in City Hall during normal business hours. The Department, however, does not have any printed application materials that persons can borrow or remove from City Hall.