

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF BELFAST PLANNING BOARD**

The City of Belfast Planning Board, at its meeting of Wednesday, September 16, 2020, beginning at 6:00 pm or as soon as practical thereafter, shall conduct a public hearing on a Sketch Plan application submitted by Developers Collaborative to construct 48 multi-family housing units on the former City Public Works garage property located at 115 Congress Street, Map 35, Lot 43. The Board meeting will be held via a ZOOM webinar, and the Board will not physically be meeting in City Hall.

The property is 4.5 acres in size and is located in the Residential 2 zoning district. Multi-family housing is a permitted house in the Residential 2 zone and is subject to review by the Planning Board pursuant to Chapter 90, Site Plan, and Chapter 102, Zoning, of the City Code of Ordinances. A Sketch Plan application is the first stage of the application process. The intent of a Sketch Plan is to provide the Planning Board and public an opportunity to review and offer formal comment on a project proposal prior to an Applicant preparing specific engineering and design plans in response to all Ordinance requirements.

Persons who wish to offer public comment that the Planning Board will consider at the hearing can do so in any of the following four ways.

- 1) You can submit comment via email in advance of the hearing to wmarshall@cityofbelfast.org. Comment should be submitted no later than 2:00 pm on September 16 so it can be provided to the Board in advance of the hearing. This is the recommended way to submit comment.
- 2) You can submit a letter in advance of the hearing to City of Belfast, Code & Planning Department, 131 Church St, Belfast, ME, 04915.
- 3) You can submit comment via email during the September 16 public hearing to public@cityofbelfast.org. Your comment will be read to the Board at the meeting.
- 4) During the meeting, you can make oral comment using the ZOOM platform. You should consult the City website, cityofbelfast.org, reference Code and Planning link, for specific information on how to access the website to offer comment via ZOOM.

Information regarding the application can be found on the City website, cityofbelfast.org, reference the Code and Planning link, Congress Street Housing Project. A copy of the application also is available for public inspection at the Code and Planning Department offices in City Hall during normal business hours, Monday – Thursday, 7:00 am to 6:00 pm. Questions regarding the project can be directed to Department offices by calling 338-1417 x 125, or by email to Wayne Marshall, Director, Code at Planning at wmarshall@cityofbelfast.org.