

**OCTOBER 8, 2020 PLANNING BOARD MEETING
NORDIC AQUAFARMS - PUBLIC HEARING ON FINAL APPLICATIONS
LIST OF PERSONS SUBMITTING PUBLIC COMMENT**

Comment through 4:30 pm on 10/6/20

1. Phillip 'Chip' Wick, Northport - 10/2/20 email
2. Harold Richardson, 39 Union St, Belfast - 10/1/20 email
3. Joanne Moesswilde, Congress St, Belfast - 10/5 email
4. Andrew Stevenson, Head of Tide, Belfast - 10/5 email
5. Sid Block, 1485 Atlantic Highway, Northport - 10/5 email
6. Erica Schlueter, Belfast - 10/5 email
7. Ron Huber, Friends of Penobscot Bay - 10/5 email
8. Seth Thayer, Jr., 44 Cliff Road, Northport - 10/6 email
9. Sally Brophy and Connie Hatch, 20 Bradbury St, Belfast - 10/6 email
10. Patricia Lojek and Stan Stella, 3 Green St, Belfast - 10/6 email
11. Andrew Stevenson, Head of Tide, Belfast - 10/6 email
12. Steve Byers, 135 E. Waldo Rd, Waldo - 10/6 email
13. Martha Reeve, Accountant, Belfast - 10/6 email

Comment Received After 4:30 pm on 10/6 and Through 4:00 pm on 10/7 (Updated on 10/7)

14. Trudy Miller, Northport - 10/6 email
15. Patricia Kaplan, 222 Swanville Road, Frankfort - 10/7 email/letter
16. Josephine Cooley, 43 Union St, Belfast - 10/7 email
17. Natalie Charles, Belfast - 10/7 email
18. Cynthia Anderson, 41 Village Road, Belfast - 10/7 email
19. Fish Are Okay (Anne Saggese and others) - 10/7 email & letter
20. Lewis Cisle, 243 High St, Belfast - 10/7 email

Comment Received after 4:00 pm on 10/7

21. Doug Miska, Northport - 10/8 email
22. Anne Hallee, 129 Lincolnville Ave, Belfast - 10/8 email

Re: Support for Nordic Aquafarm proposal

Wayne Marshall <wmarshall@cityofbelfast.org>

Fri 10/2/2020 11:28 AM

To: Chip Wick <chip_wick@yahoo.com>

Dear Mr. Wick

I want to let you know that I have received your email and that your comment will be provided to the Belfast Planning Board in advance of their upcoming October 8 public hearing.

Wayne

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From: Chip Wick <chip_wick@yahoo.com>**Sent:** Friday, October 2, 2020 8:58 AM**To:** Wayne Marshall <wmarshall@cityofbelfast.org>**Subject:** Support for Nordic Aquafarm proposal

Dear Councilors-

I am writing to express my support for the Nordic Aquafarm (NAF) project in Belfast. I am a nearby neighbor, and I realize that this will have an effect on the area. I believe the benefits will far outweigh any impacts. At this time of pandemic, impending climate disaster, and the politicization of *everything*, taking steps towards local food production and meaningful employment is imperative. It is not the only action we should be pursuing, but it's an important part of the strategy.

The opposition to NAF, in my experience, has mostly centered around lies, misrepresentations, and (deliberate?) misunderstandings. That is not acceptable, and should never be rewarded. I am beyond glad that so far the State and City have seen through these fabrications, and hope that all the frivolous and frankly malicious lawsuits are settled soon so that everything can proceed.

I earned an M.S. in Ecology and Environmental Science from UMO, worked as a fishery biologist for the State of Maine for 8 years, and have taught several biology courses at Unity over the years. I know what the issues are, I know what the likely outcome is if we fail to act. NAF is the right company, the Belfast facility is the right project, now is the right time.

I shudder to think how many millions of dollars have been spent countering an organized campaign of harassment against an honorable and competent company. I look forward to having Nordic as a neighbor, recirculating aquaculture is the wave of the future.

Sincerely,

Philip C. Wick
Northport

Re: Nordic comments for PB Oct 8th

Wayne Marshall <wmarshall@cityofbelfast.org>

Thu 10/1/2020 4:36 PM

To: marci@tds.net <marci@tds.net>

Mr. Richardson

I want to let you know that I have received your comment and that I will provide such to the Planning Board.

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From: marci@tds.net <marci@tds.net>
Sent: Thursday, October 1, 2020 4:04 PM
To: Wayne Marshall <wmarshall@cityofbelfast.org>
Subject: Nordic comments for PB Oct 8th

Dear Mr. Marshall and planning board,

Please approve the necessary permits for NAF so they can start building the world class facility here in Belfast.

I have followed this from the beginning and attended the public mtgs. I have also watched all the deliberations that were available on-line and have spent a lot of time studying RAS and how that will be a big part of the future for seafood on a changing planet. Belfast can be part of the solution while also adding jobs and tax revenue.

I hope that you can bring an end to this part of the process. I've always appreciated the work and time commitment from the people involved.

Sincerely,
Harold Richardson
39 Union Street
Belfast

Re: Nordic proposal comments

Wayne Marshall <wmarshall@cityofbelfast.org>

Mon 10/5/2020 11:52 AM

To: jmoesswilde@gmail.com <jmoesswilde@gmail.com>

Hello Joanne

A short note to let you know that I have received your email and that I will provide such to the Planning Board in advance of the October 8 public hearing.

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From: joanne moesswilde <jmoesswilde@gmail.com>**Sent:** Sunday, October 4, 2020 11:13 AM**To:** Wayne Marshall <wmarshall@cityofbelfast.org>**Cc:** jmoesswilde@gmail.com <jmoesswilde@gmail.com>**Subject:** Nordic proposal comments

Belfast Planning Board,

Thank you for considering the following comments regarding the nordic aqua farms project proposed in Belfast Maine.

I appreciate your efforts of exhaustive review of this project over the many months. I understand that you go through criteria that are required to be met before a project is approved and that your job is to insure that the criteria are followed and that the standards are met. But I ask you, who looks at the whole picture? Who looks at the total impact of this project on the natural world and our way of life in Belfast?

My concerns are as follows:

1. Climate change

It is widely known that intact forests help absorb carbon and that destruction of forests release carbon. Why would we destroy a forest to create a carbon creating industry? It is very nice that Belfast is using solar power now, but all of that carbon neutrality goes "out the window" when NAF fires up their factory and all the attendant carbon burning support it will need. Trucking in and out, heating, filtering and cooling water, lights, waste product management, etc, etc. all are carbon problems. This project is NOT carbon neutral but will instead put Belfast back several years in its effort to be carbon neutral. Remember, this project is about NAF making money, not having the smallest carbon footprint.

2. Water supply

We are in a drought, it's true! We have lived here long enough to know that this is the new normal. All citizens of the world need water to live. The NAF project will use more than their fair share of water for their profit. Yes I know they say they are "growing needed food" but really, do we really need this much "salmon"?

There are so many other foods we can eat. Climate change is upon us and the old idea of "there is plenty of water," is not an idea that should guide us now in our water use decisions. The clean water supply is not unlimited, water is part of the commons, we all need it and one entity should not use more than their fair share, particularly for monetary profit. Remember, this project is about NAF making money and they need our water to do it.

3. The product

What is this fish? It is not true salmon! True, wild salmon swim to the Sea and back to their river of origin by leaping through rushing water beneath the sun and moon and stars and rain. They are an integral, powerful and mysterious part of nature, bringing parts of the sea back deep to the forest after their life in the sea. They are made of the sea and the deep forest and all that they consume along the way. To those who eat them, they offer valuable nutrition. The product that NAF plans to create is not salmon but is something far less grand. In so many ways, it will be far inferior to wild salmon, particularly nutritionally. All that a true salmon is cannot be created in a tank of circulating water with manufactured feed. Remember, this project is about NAF making money by selling a product, not about preserving salmon.

4. Our moral compass

What do we value? Freedom, wildness, the great mystery? Healthy lifestyle, clean air and water? A sustainable community? Not for a moment would I call anyone on the planning board amoral, you are doing this work because you want the best for our town. But I ask, How do we integrate our values, those that we use in our daily lives into this work? Our respect for life and nature guides us daily. These are not part of the standard and criteria stated on the guidelines you are given to follow. How do we bring these values into this very important work of deciding between money and nature, for in my mind, that is the question here. This is a BIG deal. Your decision will affect the lives of so many creatures, not just the people here today, but the people to come.. and yes also every fish raised and killed in the factory, every bat who will lose her home in a tree, every bird, coyote, raccoon and deer who will wonder what happened to their forest home...and then there are the effects of waste water on the Bay... It all depends on you and your decision.

I ask you to consider these things in your deliberation regarding the NAF project. Overall, I think NAF not a good idea for our citizens, Belfast or our Planet. We can do better, let's wait for a better idea! I am confident that one will come! That idea will work with and be respectful of nature and will sustain us all.

Thank you,

Joanne Moesswilde, Belfast, Maine.
207-323-9995

Re: Information please: October 8th comments to the Planning Board

Wayne Marshall <wmarshall@cityofbelfast.org>

Mon 10/5/2020 11:56 AM

To: Andrew E Stevenson <andrewsteve@icloud.com>

Cc: Doug Miska <dmiska@gatorinv.com>; Cecile Mackenzie <cecmck@gmail.com>; Patricia Gladding <patricia.gladding@gmail.com>; Janie Martin Phillips <janiemainie@gmail.com>; Jason Rawn <rawnjason@gmail.com>; Jane Earley <jane.c.earley@gmail.com>; jrmabee@gmail.com <jrmabee@gmail.com>; Ellie Daniels <ellie1953@hotmail.com>; Sid Block <smblock@myfairpoint.net>

 3 attachments (202 KB)

1.2 Nordic Fifth Procedural Order Dated 10-1-20.pdf; 1.3 Published PH Notice - Nordic Oct 7 & 8, 2020 (2).pdf; 1.4 PH Notice to Property Owner - Nordic - Oct 7 & 8, 2020.pdf;

Hello Andy

Attached is the public hearing notice that is posted on the City website, and the notice that we sent to about 160 abutting property owners. I also note that all information that the Planning Board is considering is on the website under planning and codes, Nordic Aquafarm Permit - Final Site Plan. We continue to add information to this site as it is received.

The meeting/hearing will be held via a ZOOM webinar. Information on how to access the webinar is identified in the above notices.

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From: Andrew E Stevenson <andrewsteve@icloud.com>**Sent:** Sunday, October 4, 2020 10:56 PM**To:** Wayne Marshall <wmarshall@cityofbelfast.org>**Cc:** Doug Miska <dmiska@gatorinv.com>; Cecile Mackenzie <cecmck@gmail.com>; Patricia Gladding <patricia.gladding@gmail.com>; Janie Martin Phillips <janiemainie@gmail.com>; Andrew Stevenson <andrewsteve@icloud.com>; Jason Rawn <rawnjason@gmail.com>; Jane Earley <jane.c.earley@gmail.com>; jrmabee@gmail.com <jrmabee@gmail.com>; Ellie Daniels <ellie1953@hotmail.com>; Sid Block <smblock@myfairpoint.net>**Subject:** Information please: October 8th comments to the Planning Board

Good evening, Wayne:

Has the Planning Board decided when and how it will hold the Thursday evening session to take comments from the public on the Nordic Aquafarm permits? I know you have asked that people wishing to speak at the October 8th session pre-register but I did not hear a decision at

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last Wednesday's October 1st meeting as to whether it would be via Zoom teleconference or some other on-line service, or in a public forum of some kind.

Can you give me more information so that people wishing to give an oral statement know what to expect?

Sincerely,

Andy Stevenson

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Re: Letter to the Belfast Planning Board

Wayne Marshall <wmarshall@cityofbelfast.org>

Mon 10/5/2020 11:58 AM

To: Sid Block <smblock@myfairpoint.net>

Hello Sid

I have received your comment and will provide such to the Planning Board in advance of the upcoming October 8 public hearing.

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From: Sid Block <smblock@myfairpoint.net>
Sent: Monday, October 5, 2020 8:11 AM
To: Wayne Marshall <wmarshall@cityofbelfast.org>
Subject: Letter to the Belfast Planning Board

Good morning Wayne,
Please confirm that the following letter gets to the Planning Board.
Thank you and stay safe,
Sid

Dear Members of the Belfast Planning Board,
As you enter your deliberations, I'd like you to think about the following:
If Nordic Aquafarms Inc. actually had or was confident it had Right, Title and Interest over the intertidal zone, it would have pressed for a rapid hearing in court 2 years ago to decide in their favor. Rather they have delayed legal proceedings with multiple challenges (if you have never heard of a SLAPP suit, you will learn a lot while being entertained if you Google: Jon Oliver and SLAPP suit.)
Nordic has probably spent millions in legal maneuvers and definitely cost local citizens many thousands of dollars in defense, as it tries to bankrupt the rightful owners into submitting to Nordic's usurpation of private property. The fact is that the owners of the intertidal zone have what Nordic does not have and never did have (and Nordic knew it from the start: Nordic does not now have and never has had what the rightful owners have: an uninterrupted chain of deeds dating back to colonial times, a quiet title judgment, multiple confirmatory surveys, a documented and long established covenant, and a registered conservation easement that will prevent the industrialization of the Little River area and Belfast Bay. This is why Nordic did not ask for an early court resolution of the dispute (and why you should have initially but at least now should, before you make your final decisions, insist upon). Judge Murray of the Superior Court has indicated he would like a trial this winter. You should delay your decisions pending the outcome.
Thank you and stay safe,
Sidney R. Block
1485 Atlantic Hwy
Northport, ME 04849

Re: NAF Planning Board comments

Public Hearing <public@cityofbelfast.org>

Mon 10/5/2020 12:04 PM

To: schlueter.eric@gmail.com <schlueter.eric@gmail.com>

Dear Ms. Schlueter:

A short note to let you know that I have received the comment that you submitted and that it will be provided to the Planning Board in advance of the October 8 public hearing.

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From: schlueter.eric@gmail.com <schlueter.eric@gmail.com>**Sent:** Monday, October 5, 2020 10:14 AM**To:** Public Hearing <public@cityofbelfast.org>**Subject:** NAF Planning Board comments

Dear City of Belfast Planning Board,

If the Maine Climate Council seriously wants to see a better future for Maine, and the world, it must work with, not separate from, all the permitting agencies (like the DEP and BEP) that are using, what I imagine are, out of date criteria for permitting in the climate crisis which has made a Climate Council necessary. If we as a State are serious about meeting our carbon neutral goals we have to put the environment and the future of the climate over a companies desire to make money at any expense and supposedly lower taxes. All of you on the Planning Board are a part of this body of people holding this momentous responsibility in your hands.

As you know things in the environment do not happen in silos, and do not stay contained. Moving forward it should be part of the local officials along with the State of Maines responsibility to look at this proposed facility in it's cumulative impact for the entire State on the environment and climate, not on the shoulders of a handful of citizens. You, the Planning Board, had to take a crash course on land based fish farming. Have you read up on fish farming history and how and why land based fish farms are now all the rage? Have you learned the financial and environmental ups and downs of pen based fish farming in the ocean? How it took years to realize the damage it could cause? There was a boon and bust a number of times and pen based fish farm companies bought and sold in Maine. And then the reality of sea lice, fish die offs etc, in pen based fish farms around the world. We don't have years at our disposal to find out if the discharge into Belfast Bay from this proposed facility at this moment in history will cause harm, or if fresh water aquifers are truly bottomless, or how the added truck emissions and

removal of trees will effect the air quality in Belfast or other parts of the State from the construction of NAF proposed facility. Now there is a land grab for land based fish farming. In an ideal world you'd have the time and resources to compare this proposed fish farm with the smaller land based fish farms sprouting around the State and compare their fresh water use, discharge make up, tree and dirt removal (if any) and how the water moves where their discharge will be dumped into the ocean. One would hope the State is doing those comparisons if it is serious about it's Carbon footprint goals. The burden can't be put on citizens to mitigate the carbon footprint (not using plastic bags driving electric cars, etc) while industries can completely alter the natural landscape (which NAF plans to do) use fossil fuels, and extract valuable resources that may not be replaced at the same rate they are being destroyed/used (like trees and fresh water.)

As a bold step to show Maine that the environment is more important then an ever shifting amount of jobs dangled in front of the city of Belfast and no gaurantee or math to explain any savings to property tax owners when NAF will have many tax brakes (and as far as I know has not proven financial backing). NAF proposed facility does not meet what Maine wants to accomplish for its carbon footprint. This isn't a time to approve this project.

The only rational reason I can see for supporting this project is since we are most likely already on the downward spiral for the environment and the future health of the planet. Why not rip the band aid off douse it in gas and accelerated the process? Just checking the boxes and paving the way for the facility to be built should do just that. But isn't that what's gotten us where we are with the Climate Crises?

I do not envy any of you the responsibly you have. It's an awesome responsibility to be a steward for the Environment not just in Maine but at this point potentially the World.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Erica Schlueter
Belfast, Maine



Re: Nordic Aqua Farms comments 10/5/2020

Wayne Marshall <wmarshall@cityofbelfast.org>

Mon 10/5/2020 5:05 PM

To: Ron Huber <coastwatch@gmail.com>

Huber

I have received your comment and will provide such to the Board in advance of the October 8 hearing.

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From: Ron Huber <coastwatch@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, October 5, 2020 4:59 PM

To: Wayne Marshall <wmarshall@cityofbelfast.org>

Subject: Re: Nordic Aqua Farms comments 10/5/2020

Here are managed images to show what could take place in Belfast. They are from other locations suffering from similar algae blooms for similar reasons

Ron Huber

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 Virus-free. www.avg.com

Mon, Oct 5, 2020 at 4:54 PM Ron Huber <coastwatch@gmail.com> wrote:

To the Belfast Planning Board via Waymne Marshall's email

We are writing to express our concerns about an effect that operation of the proposed Nordic Aquafarms facility may have to the health on the health and safety of Belfast residents and visitors.

This due the likely very large increases (blooms) of slime algae of the Enteromorpha and Ulva species coating Belfast beaches, both sand and cobble, that will be stimulated by the additional nitrogen added to the harbor as effluent by Nordic Aquafarms.

Not only does it make beaches less desirable, it also increases city liability for injuries from residents & visitors slipping on the slick algae that will coat Belfast cobble and sand beaches.

In addition, enteromorpha and Ulva species may be stimulated to form on Northport beaches thanks to NAF discharges in in Belfast waters. Will Belfast be willing to pay the costs of removal of these algae blooms should they a?

Sincerely

Ron Huber Friends of Penobscot Bay

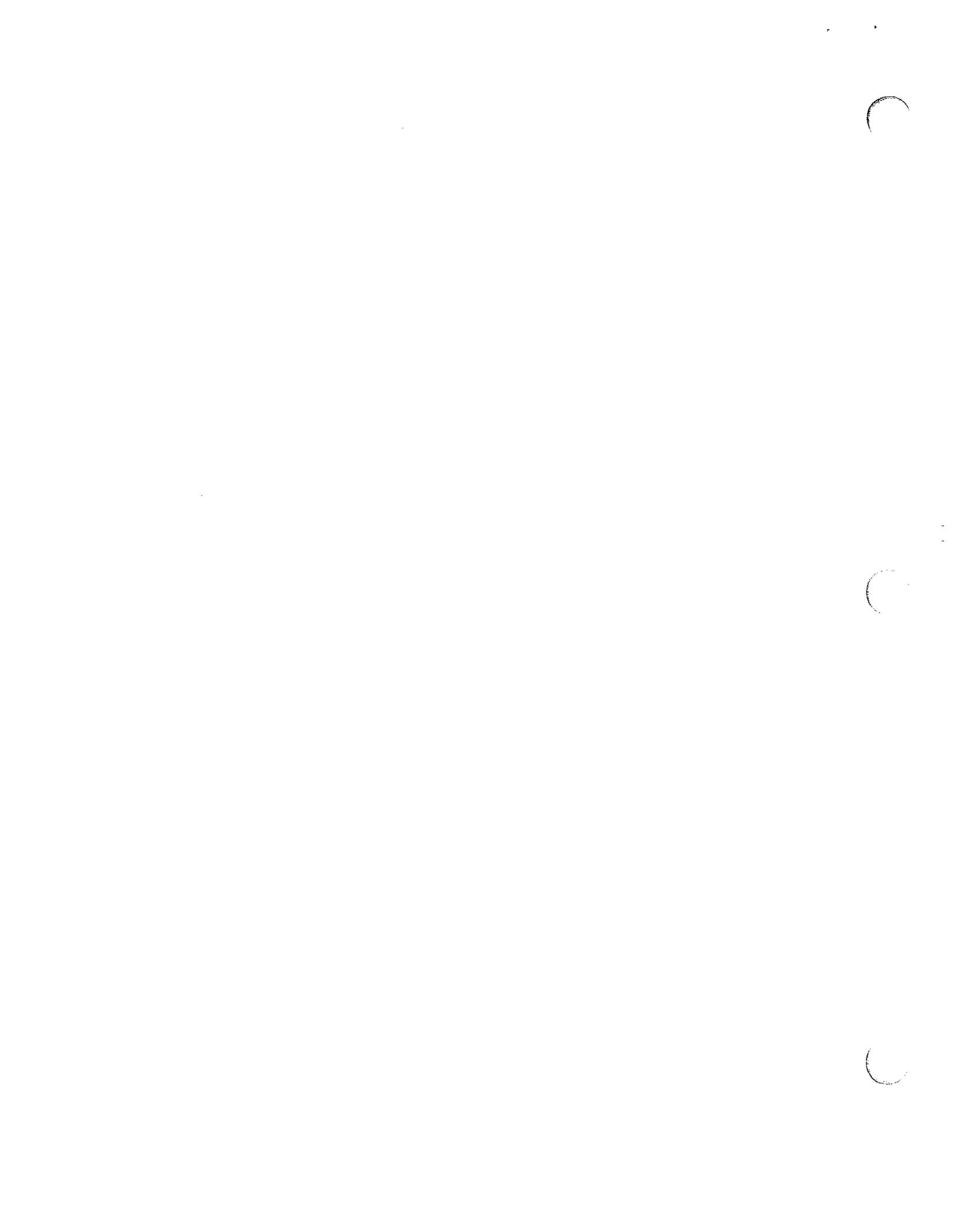
Ron Huber

POB 1871, Rockland Maine 04841

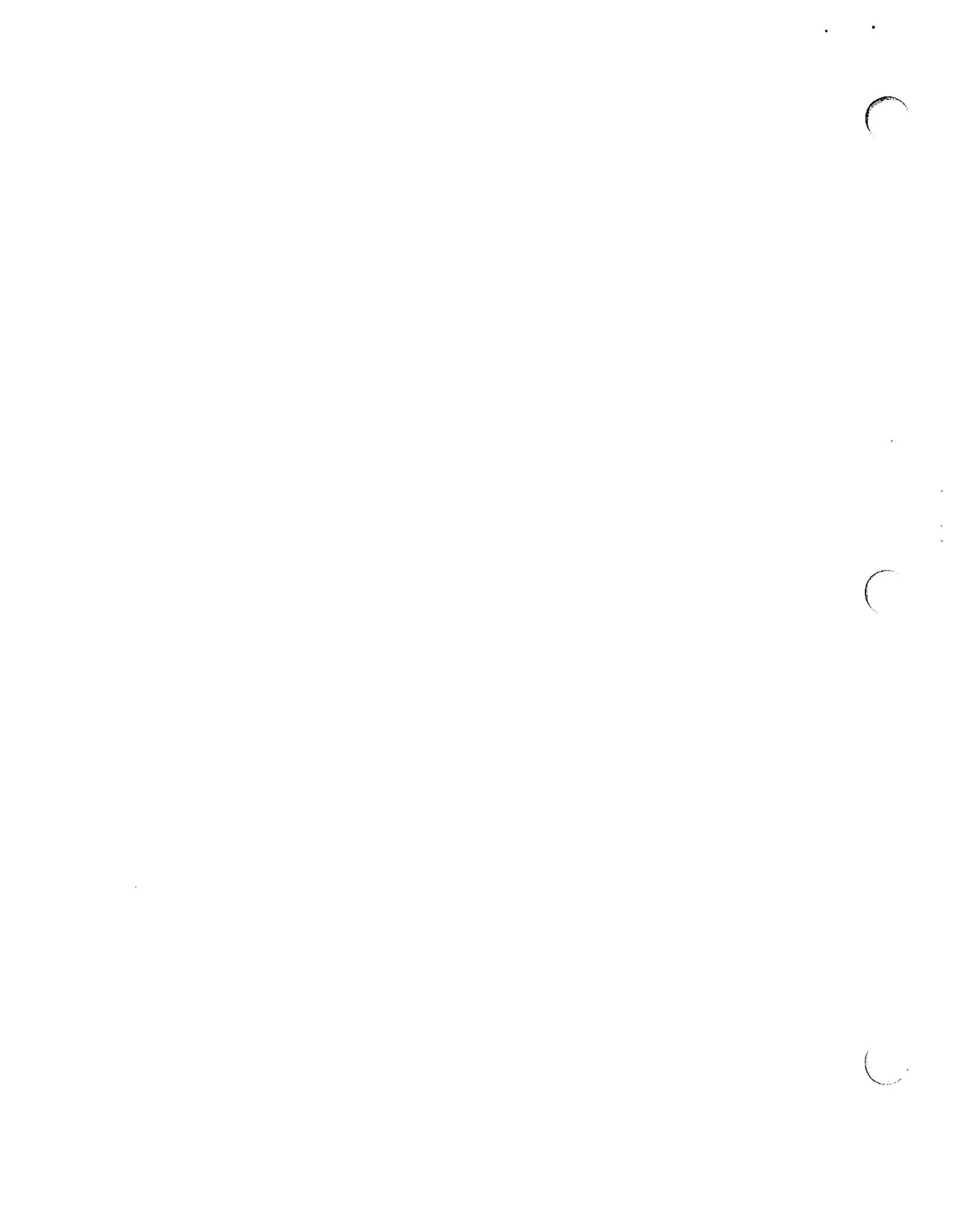
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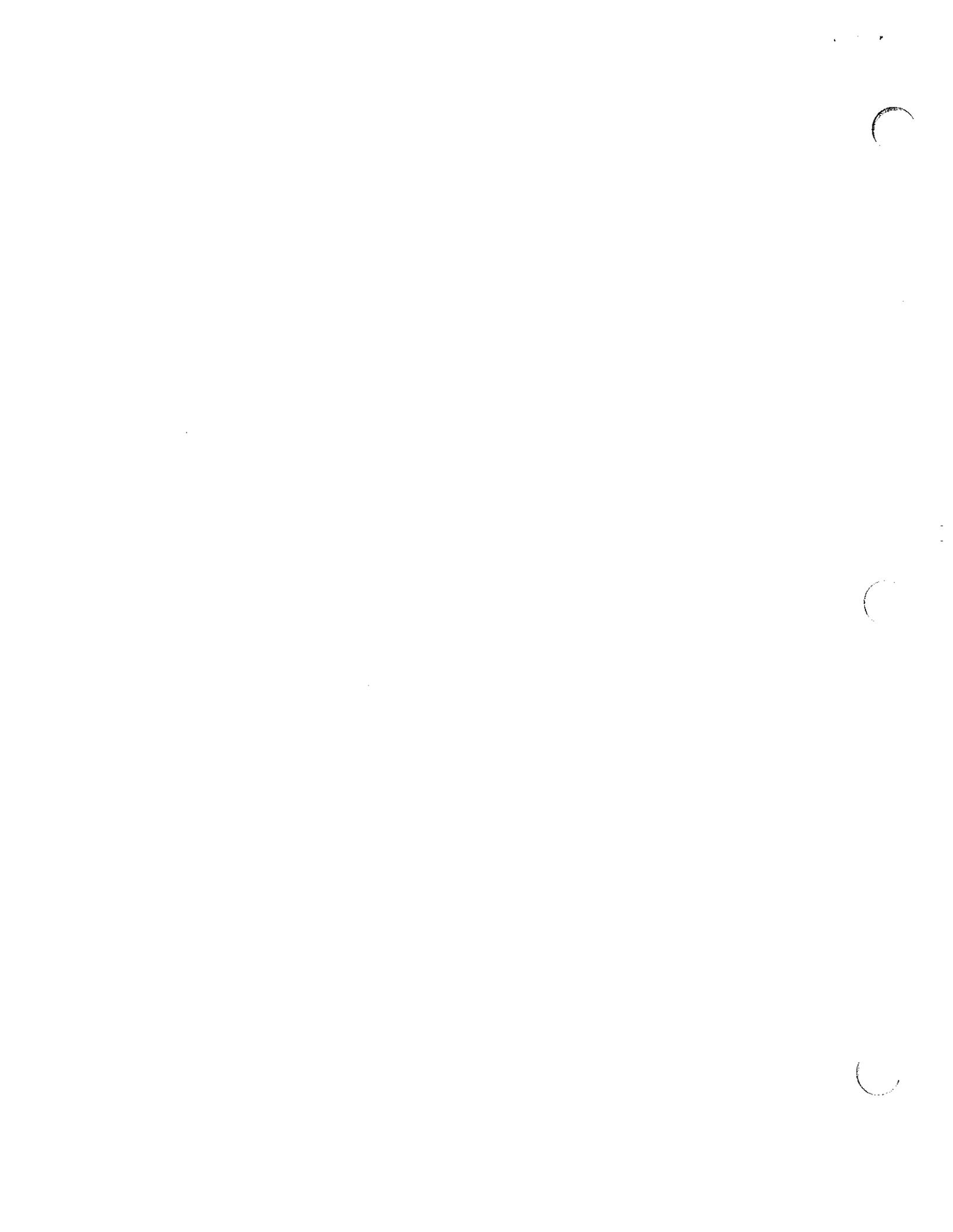
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Re: Support for NAF

Public Hearing <public@cityofbelfast.org>

Tue 10/6/2020 11:50 AM

To: Seth Thayer <sethathayerjr@gmail.com>

Hello Seth

A short note to let you know that I have received your comment and that I will be providing such to the Planning Board in advance of their upcoming October 8 public hearing.

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From: Seth Thayer <sethathayerjr@gmail.com>**Sent:** Tuesday, October 6, 2020 5:09 AM**To:** Public Hearing <public@cityofbelfast.org>**Subject:** Support for NAF

How many times do we have to go through this? Nordic Aqua Farms should be welcomed with open arms here in Belfast. It is a community-minded company that is already spreading good will throughout the city of Belfast. I welcome the economic diversity Nordic will bring, the education arm that will teach our children about the importance of farming for food and protecting the bay at the same time. We need industry here in Belfast again. We cannot just be a small city with huge tax bills. I think the opposition should be made to pay for the city's legal bills.

Thank you
Seth Thayer

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October 6, 2020

Belfast Planning Board:

Thank you for your endless hours reviewing Nordic Aquafarm's permit application. An important aspect regarding "best available technology" is that this is a new industry with new technology continuing to emerge. In the time since Nordic first proposed their Partial Recirculating Aquaculture System in Belfast, it has already become outdated. Unlike the Nordic proposal, closed RAS systems recycle 100% of fresh and brine water, minimize power usage, and don't pollute the ocean, particularly those through which endangered fish migrate (such as Penobscot Bay). Not only do these new systems have zero discharge, they have no need for vaccinations and reduce the need for groundwater.

Maine's Department of Marine Resources has recognized and anticipated Zero Liquid Discharge in their new application forms. This past November, Forbes held an investor's conference in New York sending the message that Closed Land Based RAS is where the industry is headed. Nordic has yet to prove they have the financial capacity required and the investor money is already going in another direction.

If Nordic wanted to build a zero discharge RAS on a brown field, they would indeed be bringing an exciting opportunity for the future to Belfast, with less destruction to the land and less risk to the water. If they want to dig up the Belfast Bay Watershed to build a food processing plant that would discharge millions of gallons of wastewater into the bay, then we're going backwards towards past industries.

Requesting clarifying data after the permitting process is too late. Requesting proof of financial capabilities after Nordic breaks ground is too late. Climate Change makes it clearer every day that we're all in this together and the protection of our water, land and sea, using the best available technology and responsible stewardship is crucial.

Sally Brophy and Conny Hatch
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Re: Nordic Aqua Farms

Public Hearing <public@cityofbelfast.org>

Tue 10/6/2020 12:03 PM

To: PATRICIA LOJEK <lojek6@aol.com>

Dear Ms. Lojek and Mr. Stalla

A short note to let you know that I have received your email and that I will be providing such to the Planning Board in advance of the upcoming October 8 public hearing.

Wayne

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From: PATRICIA LOJEK <lojek6@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 6, 2020 7:29 AM
To: Public Hearing <public@cityofbelfast.org>
Subject: Nordic Aqua Farms

Hello!

We are Patricia Lojek and Stan Stalla, and are residents of Belfast. It is important for you to know that we are IN FAVOR of the Nordic Aqua Farm proposal.

Nordic has done an excellent job bringing to us, the proposed project, all the while answering the concerns of the public, sometimes many times over. They have opened their doors, welcoming anyone into their offices to answer questions, when they can't attend the public meetings. They've addressed abutter's water concerns and even pledged that should anything changed with their wells, that they would correct it. This proposed project will provide tremendous economic benefit to our town and its residents, both with employment and the tax base. Nordic's proposal addresses the broad range of environmental aspects, water extraction, effluent treatment and protection of wild salmon and farmed salmon. Nordic has already shown the City of Belfast and its citizens, that they are good citizens, even bringing environmental education in to our school systems.

Thank you, BPB for your tireless hours on this project.

Patricia Lojek
Stan Stalla
3 Green Street

Re: Pre-registration request

Public Hearing <public@cityofbelfast.org>

Tue 10/6/2020 12:13 PM

To: Andrew E Stevenson <andrewsteve@icloud.com>

Hello Andy

I have received your request. We thank you for pre-registering. We will post a list of persons who have pre-registered on the Department home page - planning and codes - in advance of the hearing so you are more aware of when your opportunity to speak to the Board will occur.

Wayne

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From: Andrew E Stevenson <andrewsteve@icloud.com>

Sent: Tuesday, October 6, 2020 12:00 PM

To: Public Hearing <public@cityofbelfast.org>

Subject: Pre-registration request

Good afternoon, Wayne:

I would like to pre-register for the Thursday evening hearing before the Belfast Planning Board. Thank you for continuing to guide the permit application and public comment process with an even hand.

Sincerely,

Andrew Stevenson

143 Head of the Tide Road

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Re: Planning Board Public Comment Oct. 6

Wayne Marshall <wmarshall@cityofbelfast.org>

Tue 10/6/2020 12:19 PM

To: Steve Byers <stevejbyers@gmail.com>

Hello Steve

A short note to let you know that I have received your letter dated October 3, 2020 and that I will provide such to the Board in advance of upcoming October 8 public hearing.

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From: Steve Byers <stevejbyers@gmail.com>**Sent:** Tuesday, October 6, 2020 7:29 AM**To:** Wayne Marshall <wmarshall@cityofbelfast.org>**Subject:** Planning Board Public Comment Oct. 6

October 3, 2020

To the Belfast Planning Board,

My name is Steve Byers. I am the owner of Back Country Flora, LLC based in Waldo, ME. My work includes wetland delineation consultation, rare plant identification, and botanical education in Waldo and Knox counties. I have over 10 years of experience and a thorough knowledge base of edible and medicinal plant uses based in tradition and scientific research.

In the last 5 years, I have frequented the Little River trail system and have explored the Little River from the tidal zone to miles up the Little River into Belmont. It is a rich resource of medicinal and edible plants including commonly known plants such as fiddle heads (Ostrich Fern) and edible mushrooms such as King Bolete. The Little River is home to many sensitive ecological habitats and wetlands which have been detailed in the permitting process and wetland delineations set forth in the documents provided to the State by Nordic Aquafarms.

It is critical that the Planning Board understand the "underland" which is at risk of destruction by the proposed pipelines and large scale land clearing. What is the underland? It is everything underground that you don't see but supports everything above ground that you do see. More than 90% of plants have mycorrhizal relationships that are interdependent or completely dependant on a fragile fungal network of mushrooms. For example, some plants (pine, orchids like lady's slippers, and heaths) lack root hairs all together and are completely reliant on nutrients provided to them by fungal digestion. Over 100 species of fungi are symbiotically giving to and receiving from forest trees. Why does this matter to the permitting process?

According to the 2019 Nordic Aquafarm Wetland and Stream Survey, the property contains 16 wetlands. The survey shows how all but 4 of the wetlands are linked to the Little River via intermittent streams or drainages. The industrial development of the property by Nordic will destroy the fragile network of mycorrhizal systems supporting acres of plants and trees far beyond the immediate development. This means that many of the edible and medicinal plants relied on by our community will be lost and permanently compromised. These fragile systems are essential for preserving the traditional skills of our community, our connection to land, trees, mushrooms, and medicinal plants.

Additionally, I would like to point out that the permitting process is incomplete and major discrepancy can be found in Chapter 82 in Shoreland Permitting of Nordic's permit. The permit requires the following:

DIVISION 2. Permits Sec. 82-52. Application. [Ord. No. 8-1997, § 16(C), 7-15-1997] Every applicant for a permit required by this chapter shall submit a written application, including a scaled site plan, on a form provided by the code enforcement officer or the Planning Board as indicated in section 82-135. See table 1 in section 82-135 for the appropriate approval authority. Response: Refer to cover letter and table of contents at the front of this submission. Engineering drawings with Drawing Index are enclosed (Attachment 20), including site development plan CD001. **All applications shall be signed by the owner of the property or other person authorizing the work, certifying that the information in the application is complete and correct.** If the person signing the application is not the owner or lessee of the property, then that **person shall submit a letter of authorization from the owner or lessee.**

Lacking in the permit detailing the wetland and stream survey is the signature of the owners of the land of the intertidal zone or a letter of authorization from the owner. The Jeffrey Mabee and Judith Grace are the owners of the intertidal zone. The permit provided for you is lacking this major piece of documentation. Why is it missing? You all know why. Because Nordic does not own the land and has not been authorized to use the land. The City of Belfast must respect the sovereignty of its citizen's land ownership, not the sovereignty of a corporation lacking essential documents who wishes to destroy the fragile network of the underland and overland of this beautiful land.

Also of great importance is that the Wetland and Stream survey map is incomplete.

In a March 11, 2019 letter from the State of Maine Inland Fisheries and Wildlife sent to Sarah Barnum of Normandeau Associates, she was told to extend the Vernal Pool survey "250 feet beyond the anticipated project footprint because of potential performance standard requirements for off site Significant Vernal Pools in the area, assuming such pools are located on land owned or controlled by the applicant." Please observe the map detailing the wetlands and streams in Attachment 34 of the permit. You will notice that the delineation of streams and wetlands ends at the property borders rather than following the required 250 feet beyond. Where streams begin in the property lines, they do not investigate outside in the 250 feet beyond where such Significant Vernal Pools may exist.

The conclusion is that the wetland and stream survey are incomplete and lack authorization from the property owner. In following your responsibilities to the written regulations, you must deny these permits for Nordic Aquafarms.

When you deny their permit, your Planning Board will be a distant memory in their corporate profit driven memory. For the people, trees, plants, and fungal systems of this land, we will forever remember how the Planning Board stood up to corporate deception. How will we remember? The beauty of the land and diversity of its species will speak for itself.

Thank you for consideration and protection of this delicate ecosystem.

Steve Byers
Back Country Flora, LLC
135 E. Waldo Rd.
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Re: Nordic Aquafarms Financial Data

Wayne Marshall <wmarshall@cityofbelfast.org>

Tue 10/6/2020 11:35 AM

To: marnie.reeve@gmail.com <marnie.reeve@gmail.com>

Hello Ms. Reeve

I have received the comment that you submitted and will provide such to the Planning Board in advance of their upcoming October 8 public hearing on the Final Site Plan application.

Wayne

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From: Marnie Reeve <marnie.reeve@gmail.com>**Sent:** Tuesday, October 6, 2020 8:05 AM**To:** Wayne Marshall <wmarshall@cityofbelfast.org>; Public Hearing <public@cityofbelfast.org>**Subject:** Nordic Aquafarms Financial Data

Hello Wayne -- I am not sure of the status of the record for accepting additional information, but I think this might be of interest to you and the Board. I finally tracked down some financial data for Nordic's operations in Norway for the past few years. This is publicly available information; it's just a little difficult to find. This is pretty raw data with just a smidgeon of commentary/clarification.

I hope you and the Board will find this useful. Please feel free to contact me if you would like clarification.

Martha Reeve

FINANCES: NORDIC AQUAFARMS, AS AND FREDINNSTAD SEAFOODS
From <https://www.pseff.no>

	2017		2018		2019	
	NOK	USD **	NOK	USD **	NOK	USD **
NORDIC AQUAFARMS, AS						
OPERATING REVENUES * (total income before expenses)	1,354,000	185,106	5,873,000	699,164	9,939,000	1,127,983
PROFIT BEFORE TAX *	(5,316,000)	(648,479)	(8,280,000)	(969,181)	(8,005,000)	(908,493)
OPERATING RESULT * (net profit after taxes)	(6,347,000)	(773,949)	(10,533,000)	(1,252,896)	(9,139,000)	(1,037,191)
TOTAL ASSETS *	278,909,000	34,009,975	507,824,000	59,441,200	578,155,000	65,515,530
CASH FROM STOCK SALES ***	140,628,171	17,148,104	248,381,837	28,511,446	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN
(2014, \$245,826; 2015, \$2,272,334; 2016, \$15,483,480; total 2014 - 2016: \$18,001,640)						
SUMMARY (Would expect beginning assets + net sales + stock sales = ending assets)						
BEGINNING ASSETS		18,001,640 ***		34,009,975		59,441,200
NET PROFIT		(773,949)		(1,252,896)		(1,037,191)
REVENUE FROM STOCK SALES		17,148,104		28,511,446		UNKNOWN
ENDING ASSETS		34,009,975		59,441,200 ****		65,515,530
FREDINNSTAD SEAFOOD						
OPERATING REVENUES * (total income before expenses)	0	0	790,000	92,470	1,355,000	153,780
PROFIT BEFORE TAX *	(5,316,000)	(648,479)	(8,280,000)	(969,181)	(8,005,000)	(908,493)
OPERATING RESULT * (net profit after taxes)	(6,347,000)	(773,949)	(10,533,000)	(1,252,896)	(9,139,000)	(1,037,191)
TOTAL ASSETS *	215,918,000	26,328,895	409,827,000	47,244,859	488,874,000	55,482,619
SUMMARY						
BEGINNING ASSETS		7		26,328,895		47,244,859
NET PROFIT		(773,949)		(1,252,896)		(1,037,191)
ENDING ASSETS		26,328,895		47,244,859 ****		55,482,619 ****

* Data in NOK is from Pref - The Business Finder <https://www.pseff.no>
 ** Profit is a usual number for the Norwegian business community. We provide up-to-date in-depth information about Norwegian companies and are used as a basis for decision-making when professional players are looking for suppliers and partners.

** Connection rates are the average exchange rates on December 31, from www.bankofengland.com (NOK per USD)
 12/31/2017: 8.2008; 12/31/2018: 8.5493; 12/31/2019: 8.1813
 (Converted amounts are approximate. Fiscal year might not end on Dec. 31, and rates would vary on transactions throughout the year.)

*** Data in USD from Marine DEP, Prefiled Testimony of Brenda Chandler. Numbers were verified by BDO. Stock sales available only through 2018.
 **** Why is beginning assets + net profit + revenue from stock sales different from ending assets? Did they revalue assets? (is it related to debt?)

NOTE: Fredinestad Seafood is noted by Profit to have a bad (2019) liquidity ratio (total current assets/current short-term debt = .22. I.e., if current assets were 22 cents, short term debt would be \$100). This implies that Fredinestad is carrying debt (could possibly be loans from Nordic, AS??).
 The extremely low ratio would imply that Fredinestad holds long-term assets and few liquid assets, or could warn of a potential problem paying off debt. Nordic Aquafarms has a high (good) liquidity ratio.

NORDIC AQUAFARMS STOCK ISSUES, 2014 - 2018, (from prefilled testimony of Brenda Chandler)	number of shares	total \$ per year	
		dollars	per share
14	8,672	150,000	0.02
	183,525	187,425	0.98
	58,629	59,875	0.98
	0	170,375	0.00
15	489,998	500,000	0.98
	416,158	425,001	0.98
	526,315	537,499	0.98
	860,285	868,111	0.98
	1,298,820	1,308,000	0.98
	1,474,897	1,484,665	0.98
	795,595	795,053	2.37
16	12,239,904	5,154,640	2.37
	9,804,162	4,128,866	2.37
17	1,225,991	416,667	2.94
	6,119,951	2,000,000	3.05
18	16,242,382	4,739,295	3.43
	12,269,654	3,341,275	3.67
total/average	69,661,190	25,270,758	2.57

(Shareholder's stock value is increasing while the company is losing money)

Re: City of Belfast Planning Board-Nordic Aquafarms Permitting Application

Wayne Marshall <wmarshall@cityofbelfast.org>

Wed 10/7/2020 11:07 AM

To: Patricia Kaplan <keltookaplan@gmail.com>

Ms. Kaplan

I have received your letter and will provide such to the Planning Board in advance of the October 8 public hearing.

Wayne

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From: Patricia Kaplan <keltookaplan@gmail.com>**Sent:** Tuesday, October 6, 2020 8:35 PM**To:** Wayne Marshall <wmarshall@cityofbelfast.org>**Subject:** City of Belfast Planning Board-Nordic Aquafarms Permitting Application

Mr. Marshall,

Attached is my letter to the City of Belfast Planning Board. I would ask the letter be shared with the Board as soon as possible.

Thank you,

Patricia Kaplan
PO Box 86
Belfast, ME 04915
222 Swanville Road
Frankfort, ME 04438

City of Belfast Planning Board
RE: Nordic Aqua Farms Permit Application

October 6, 2020

Belfast Planning Board,

Let me begin by admitting I do not have a science degree in any of the fields connected with the application process, my only goal in writing to the Belfast Planning Board is to share my experience as a seventy-two-year-old human being living on the planet earth.

Throughout my life, like many of you, I've had ups and downs, don't worry I'm not going to go into any details however I can promise you this, not once was nature even remotely connected.

From my first puppy, Cappy, to the Blue Heron I watched swoop down to the Marsh River on my walk yesterday, nature has provided the proverbial port in the storm. Never has Nature caused me harm unless we count several hornet stings, which I deserved while poking around where I shouldn't have been. I'm not saying I'm special by any means, yet I've found when I respect Nature, it has respected me in return. I cannot say this is true of the most, ahem, advanced species.

Truly, in the thousands of times I've walked in Nature when troubled by a difficult human event, I've been cared for in the most quiet, calming, and unassuming way. Honestly Nature has sustained my psyche when nothing else could and has comforted my spirit within its deep still beauty. Since my first days on this amazing planet Nature has comforted and sustained my being. Clearly it has provided me and I'm guessing all of you with sustenance both solid and liquid. It has warmed my skin and chilled it too. It has showered me and chilled me to the bone when I didn't respect it and went out in the Maine winter with out warm clothing. Nature is dependable by its nature.

Lastly, I ask you all to listen to your hearts, your hearts know this project is an insult to our precious, shrinking, and abused natural resources. We must protect that which cannot speak for itself.

Do you ever wonder what Nature would say to the Belfast Planning Board? Do you suppose Nature might say, please, allow this life-killing project, we are ready to die to provide money to someone who most likely has too much already or do you believe Nature would say please save us from corporate exploitation and greed; we promise, if you protect us, we will continue to provide all you need to live and more. Please give us time to rebuild our strength.

I beg all of you to deny this application of the NAF project set to destroy and commodify nature. Might we become Belfast, Maine, the little town that said "No!" to corporate power and instead be instead protectors repaying Nature for all it has given each of us since the day we were born.

Thank you for your time and attention in this most life sustaining matter.

Most sincerely,
Patricia Kaplan,
222 Swanville Road,
Frankfort, Maine 04438

Fwd: Re; Nordic Aqua Farms Permit Application

Declan O'Connor86 <decosl bath@gmail.com>

Wed 10/7/2020 12:46 PM

To: Wayne Marshall <wmarshall@cityofbelfast.org>; Jon Boynton <jboynton@cityofbelfast.org>

Just received this.

Please forward to the board

I have not replied

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Carolyn Pressley** <carolynpressley@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Oct 7, 2020 at 12:35 PM

Subject: Re: Re; Nordic Aqua Farms Permit Application

To: <decosl bath@gmail.com>

On Wed, Oct 7, 2020 at 12:24 PM Jo Cooley <jocar154@yahoo.com> wrote:

Dear Sirs:

I am not a scientist, but after reading the many, many letters by experts of all kinds, and after reviewing the situation personally by living in Belfast and enjoying its many treasures, I am against the Nordic Aqua Farm proposition because:

- * First of all, they are just too big for this town of 7,000
- * They are causing removal of an excellent forest walking area
- * They will need to remove an extraordinary amount of earth and bring in an also extraordinary amount of earth, in order to provide proper grounding for the enormous tanks. This will cause chaos and many problems for this small town.
- * Tests by experts prove the mercury in the bay will be stirred up by below-the-sea-level excavating.
- * This enormous project, causing great disturbance of the bay, will cause problems for the lobster industry in the area, as well as the fishing industry, which is now improving.
- * The amount of fish tank excretion plus chemicals in the tanks will change the health of the bay, which is just coming around to becoming better than it has been for years.
- * I have been reading all the professional reports on the carbon in this area and it is definite that they will make the situation worse.

I know there are many more reasons not to accept this Nordic proposal from people more knowledgeable than I and I hope you will consider all those reasons.

We live in a beautiful town. I know there are problems financially for the town, but can't intelligent people, people who love living here, come up with something else? It's definitely worth a try rather than have a company with an insecure record have a chance at destroying part of its beauty.

I know there are many many reasons why this company will cause disruption and destruction to this town, from reading and listening to the voluminous number of experts who have spoken negatively of this project, and I have just listed a few, and I ask that you please see the facts and turn this down.

Josephine Cooley
43 Union St.
Belfast, Me

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Declan O`Connor
207-323-1028

Re: Nordic Aquafarms

Wayne Marshall <wmarshall@cityofbelfast.org>

Tue 10/6/2020 4:37 PM

To: Trudy Miller <trudyfoxmiller@gmail.com>

Dear Ms. Miller

A short note to let you know that I have received your comment and that I will provide such to the Planning Board in advance of the upcoming October 8 public hearing.

Wayne

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From: Trudy Miller <trudyfoxmiller@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 6, 2020 4:33 PM
To: Wayne Marshall <wmarshall@cityofbelfast.org>
Cc: trudy Miller <trudyfoxmiller@gmail.com>
Subject: Nordic Aquafarms

Der Belfast Planning Board Members,

I rely on the scientific method as the way to learn about and understand the world. The soundness and safety of the Nordic Aquafarms proposal are grounded in science as evidenced by voluminous evidence and testimony from scientists and experts. In contrast, the opponents of Nordic Aquafarms have spent almost three years making bad faith arguments which exhibit virtually all the hallmarks of science denial. You are saints for having endured this avalanche of NIMBY zealotry over and over and over. I urge you to permit the Nordic project and I look forward to the completion of the permitting process probably almost as much as you do.

Trudy Miller
Northport

Re: Nordic Aqua Farm inthe Midst of a World Wide Pandemic

Wayne Marshall <wmarshall@cityofbelfast.org>

Wed 10/7/2020 3:46 PM

To: Lewis Cisle <lcisle@bluestreakme.com>

Mr. Cisle.

A short note to let you know that I have received your comment and that I will provide such to the Planning Board in advance of the October 8 public hearing.

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From: Lewis Cisle <lcisle@bluestreakme.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 7, 2020 3:44 PM
To: Wayne Marshall <wmarshall@cityofbelfast.org>
Subject: Nordic Aqua Farm inthe Midst of a World Wide Pandemic

Dear Planing Board Members,

It seems insane to me that we are still considering approval of having allowing Nordic to build in Belfast at a time of political and environmental instability. We are seeing the effects of climate change right here in Belfast with unusually high temperature and a serious drought that has last for months. In the light of Nordic using a millions gallons of water daily it's time to put on the brakes not full steam ahead.

At a time when we are overburdened by the pandemic why on earth would we want to let Nordics earth removal fill our air with dust and diesel exhaust. This is the kind of activity that make people sick. It does not sound like a smart move to me.

And who are the third party companies that Nordic will bring to Belfast. And what will these strangers bring to Belfast, the corvid virus ?

And lastly, there on rumblings on Wall Street of a depression far worse then the one of the 1930s.

To me and many others it would make sense to get our own affairs in order. Nordic is five years down

the road before production
can begin. We can't afford to gamble on NORDIC to be there for us. We need to forget NORDIC until the
Pandemic has gone and the
economy is solid.

Sincerely ,

Lewis Cisle
243 High St
Belfast , ME

Letter to Planning Board re: Nordic Aquafarm Permitting

Cynthia Anderson <cynthiacanderson@gmail.com>

Wed 10/7/2020 1:51 PM

To: Wayne Marshall <wmarshall@cityofbelfast.org>

Cc: Cynthia Anderson <cynthiacanderson@gmail.com>

To the Belfast Planning Board:

I hope we can all come to realize the many ways the proposed Nordic salmon factory could harm our town, **before** excavation and construction is permitted.

With our planet in crisis, the food production we should be striving for is: 1) small scale; 2) local; 3) in harmony with nature and the earth. (There are many examples of such food production in Belfast.)

On all three counts, Nordic is the opposite:

Scale: Only a mega-scale fish factory could be profitable.

Local: The salmon would not feed Belfast-- it would be trucked overnight to big-city markets as far away as Washington DC, to reach luxury food markets.

Harmony with nature and the earth: Industrial scale aquaculture has been made possible by manufactured feed, which is produced by depleting populations of forage fish, thereby disrupting the ocean ecosystem, and depriving poor people around the world of the forage fish that has been a traditional staple of their diet. (Changes to forage fish based feed systems are still in the envisioning stage.)

The Nordic factory would have the carbon footprint of a whole town; extract millions of gallons from our water supply; stockpile antibiotics, and chemicals for cleaning and disinfecting...all to support the growing of carnivorous fish that would swim in circles and never see the light of day-- a system almost unimaginably removed from nature.

For this Belfast would get very little to eat, no decrease in our taxes, somewhere around 60 repetitive menial jobs for locals, destruction of precious habitat, and very possibly pollution of our bay.

It is my understanding that it is within your power to stop this project. I ask that you do.

Cynthia C. Anderson
41 Village Road
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Re: letter NAF/BPB

Wayne Marshall <wmarshall@cityofbelfast.org>

Wed 10/7/2020 2:55 PM

To: Anne Saggese <sweethenrys@gmail.com>

Hello Anne

A short note to let you know that I have received your letter and that I will provide such to the Planning Board in advance of the upcoming October 8 public hearing.

Wayne

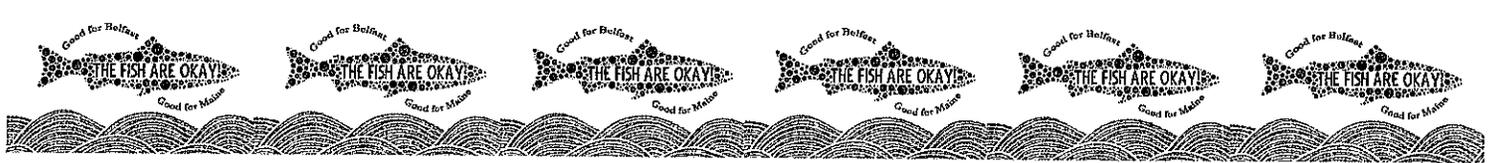
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From: Anne Saggese <sweethenrys@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 7, 2020 2:40 PM
To: Wayne Marshall <wmarshall@cityofbelfast.org>
Subject: letter NAF/BPB

2 pdfs attached. Thanks!

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servicing Belfast since 1980
40 years and still growing!



We are The Fish Are Okay!. Since June of 2018, we've been a citizen's movement to say "Hey, we're intrigued by what Nordic Aquafarms says they have to offer. We'd like to hear more." So while some in Belfast we're saying "Stop this now!", we were saying "Tell us more before we decide yes or no."

We've watched it all: participated as Intervenors in the BEP hearings, done our own research, attended Upstream Watch's information sessions to be clear on their positions, watched all of these Planning Board hearings. We stand, if anything, more impressed than ever at the integrity, intelligence and commitment to the highest standards that Nordic Aquafarms demonstrates week after week, month after month.

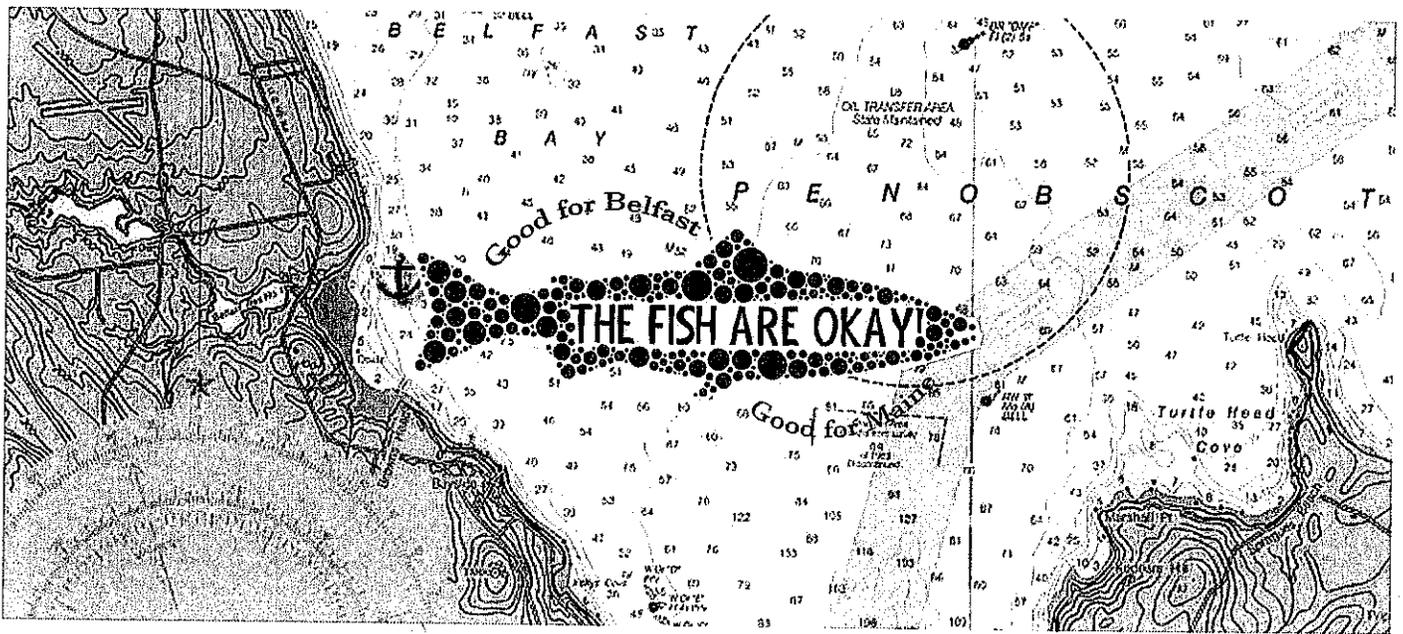
We have found that the detractors to this project consistently exaggerate concerns, misrepresent things Nordic has said or done and fail to put their own arguments in appropriate context. Yes, they'll use and dispose of a lot of water, but we're not talking about filling swimming pools here. The bay is billions of gallons of water being constantly refreshed by millions of gallons daily and the only thing Nordic is adding is filtered fish waste; no GMO, no pharma, just fish stuff. The bay thrived for millions of years with many, many times the number of fish it currently holds and it can handle this new piscine burden just fine. Yes, the facility will use a lot of electricity. That needs to be viewed in light of the fact that it will be producing A LOT of product. Pound for pound of usable goods, this will be far more energy efficient than any other animal protein we currently produce.

Detractors will tell you that city and state officials are blinded to the dangers by dollar signs and that the engineers, scientists and other specialists at the ME-DEP, Army Corps of Engineers, Belfast Water District, ME-BLM are all some mix of overworked, undertrained, easily deceivable and/or corrupt and this body of local dissenters are the only ones with the capacity to see the truth here. They will tell you that Nordic's primary consultant, Ransom Engineering, has no concern for the longterm care of Belfast despite the decades of collaboration on dozens of projects they've headed up right here. This is not what we see. We see a large network of dedicated, well-educated professionals who care deeply about Maine who have, like you, put an unprecedented and extraordinary amount of time into picking these plans apart atom by atom. Each body of reviewers has come out in favor of Nordic's plans, citing not just its general safeness but often remarking on the innovation and excellence displayed in it. We agree with them.

Last summer, to counter the weekly protests and frequent newspaper coverage "the opposition" was generating, we offered lawn signs with our logo. They flew out the door and within weeks, we had more people hosting lawn signs than any political candidate in recent history. (I called all the campaign managers to confirm). Belfast wants this.

We believe that if Nordic gets built, Belfast will look back 10 years, 20 years, 50 years, 100 years from now and see that it was an excellent addition to our community for a wide host of reasons.





Belfast

Anne Saggese
 Diane Braybrook
 Allison Ames Goscinski
 Zafra Whitcomb
 Allison Beards
 Larissa Flimlin
 Stanley A. Stalla
 Scott Carson
 Candace Emerson
 Megan Smith Pinette

Scotch Pankonin
 Ron Braybrook
 Cayla Miller
 Marjorie Gormley
 Gef Flimlin
 Mandy Marriner Everett
 Elizabeth Sterner
 Patricia Lojek
 Kenneth Gordon
 Dirk Faegre

Shannon Christensen "I cannot wait to have an organization of their caliber join our community in a broader way. The jobs will be life changing for those of us who want our children to be able to stay nearby. The commitment to sustainability and the creative repurposing of waste products will be a model for all businesses. Their outreach programs will ignite the imaginations and commitments of many. The sooner they can break ground, the better for us all!"

Northport

Seth Thayer

Greg Tinder

Phillip C. Wick

Belmont

Kathy Hayes "NORDIC AQUAFARMS HAS GONE Above and beyond to prove their readiness scientifically, environmentally, and ethically. YES YES YES issue the permits to let them build."

Swanville

Jay Tall
 Lindsey Howe Noye

North Yarmouth

Peter DelGrecu

Re: Written comment and questions for Planning Board Hearing on NAF for October 8th

Wayne Marshall <wmarshall@cityofbelfast.org>

Thu 10/8/2020 10:35 AM

To: Anne Hallee <risingupfarm.anne@gmail.com>

Ms. Hallee

A short note to let you know that I have received your email and that I will provide your comment to the Planning Board in advance of tonight's public hearing.

Wayne

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From: Anne Hallee <risingupfarm.anne@gmail.com>**Sent:** Thursday, October 8, 2020 10:27 AM**To:** Public Hearing <public@cityofbelfast.org>**Cc:** Anne Hallee <risingupfarm.anne@gmail.com>; Wayne Marshall <wmarshall@cityofbelfast.org>**Subject:** Written comment and questions for Planning Board Hearing on NAF for October 8th

Public Comment and Planning Board Questions on the NAF proposed development:

My comment relates to the matter of NAF permit applications now pending before the Board, specifically item 3) Significant Water Intake and Significant Water Discharge Pipe Permit, reference Chapter 102, Zoning, Article IX, Division 2, Environmental Standards.

NAF states their planned industrial fish farm will raise 72,732,000 pounds of salmon annually. That's a lot of salmon to visualize, so to give another farming perspective that's the equivalent of raising 56,000 cows annually, on their proposed 29 acres. NAF buildings and structures will be raising the equivalent of 1,929 cows per acre, every year. That's a very high ratio of animals to land. In a sustainable farming model, the accepted ratio for raising cows on land is two acres to every one cow. This ratio provides enough space to raise feed for the cow, house the cow and a land base large enough to absorb all of the cow's manure and urine in a volume that will provide enough fertility to regrow the cow's pastures, without releasing excess nitrogen and phosphorous into the watershed. So in our cow model, if we dial that ratio up to 1,929 cows per acre of land, we quickly realize, we have way too many cows, with huge volumes of manure and urine running off the one acre parcel and polluting the surrounding groundwater with very toxic levels of nitrogen and phosphorous, toxic to humans, plants animals and aquatic life. Converting back to fish, NAF proposes raising over 7 million salmon annually on 29 acres. This is a huge amount of fish, with no land space to absorb their wastes.

NAF waste disposal plan is to discharge the fish effluent into our harbor. At full build-out, the facility is projected to use about 1,205 gallons of freshwater per minute (gpm) and about 3,925 gallons of saltwater per minute. The

freshwater is proposed to be obtained from three sources: the Belfast Water District (about 500 gpm), on-site groundwater wells (about 455 gpm) and the extraction of surficial water from Reservoir 1 on the Little River (about 250 gpm). Saltwater will be obtained from Belfast Bay via two new off-shore water intake pipes that extend about 6,300 feet from the High Annual Tide into the Bay. The RAS system also involves NAF treating and regularly discharging the freshwater and saltwater (wastewater/effluent) used to rear the salmon back into Belfast Bay via a discharge pipe that extends offshore about 3,400 feet from the High Annual Tide. So, if their facility is continuously taking in 5,130 gpm of water per minute, then their facility is discharging 5,130 gpm of wastewater into the harbor. In just one day, we are looking at 7,387,200 gallons per day of clean water being taken from our watershed and 7,387,200 gallons per day of dirty waste water being discharged into our harbor. This amount is seven times the daily volume of wastewater that our entire city produces and treats at our Wastewater Treatment Facility on Front Street.

My questions for Wayne Marshall and the planning board members: How will you ensure that NAF is not polluting our harbor with over 7 million gallons daily of nutrient rich effluent? Will NAF have a wastewater treatment plant 7 times the size of our current facility run by Jon Carman and Fern Barton? How will you, the planning board, ensure for the public that NAF proposal meets the United States Federal Law the Clean Water Act of 1972 objective to restore and maintain the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of the nation's waters?

Respectfully submitted,
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Re: Nordic Aquafarms financial capabilities/ Are they Syndicators?

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Thu 10/8/2020 12:15 PM

To: Doug Miska <dmiska@gatorinv.com>

Mr. Miska

As a follow-up to my email from a few minutes ago, I want to let you know that I have received this comment and that I will be providing such to the Planning Board in advance of tonight's public hearing.

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Wayne Marshall, my name is Douglas Miska, a resident of Bayside/Northport Maine.

One of my concerns which I would want the City Council to explore in more detail is how Nordic with a small financial base will be able to complete this project?

I would want the City council to discuss with Nordics leadership, Syndication.

I believe Nordic will syndicate this transaction, to raise money. Typically individuals and underfunded groups use this technique to raise money; it allows the General Partners to make money, with very little cash investment.

The Syndicator makes money the following ways:

1. They usually charge an acquisition fee, added to the total costs. Could be as much as 5%
2. Asset Management fee. This can be based on a percentage of income, generated monthly, or a fixed cost per year. If it is an annual fixed flat fee, this could reduce Nordics incentive for running the project well.
3. Syndicators get a percentage of ownership, without making a capital infusion, like other investors into the project. Ask Nordic what percentage they will get, and how much they are actually contributing toward this percentage in cash.

These financial questions should be asked, answered and understood by the City Council. It will show Nordics true strength and motivation, and might lead us as a community to request some forms of Bonding, insurance protection, as will definitely be required during construction by any lender, should this project be allowed to move forward!!

Sincerely,
Douglas Miska

Sent from my iPad