

**OCTOBER 28, 2020 PLANNING BOARD MEETING  
PLANNING BOARD LIST OF UNANSWERED QUESTIONS IDENTIFIED AT 10/21/20  
BOARD MEETING THAT ARE TO BE ADDRESSED AT THE 10/28/20 MEETING.**

**Questions that Nordic Aquafarms will address in writing for the 10/28 meeting.**

1. Is rock crushing going to be happening on site?
2. Will there be a concrete mixing plant on site?
3. What will the expected vehicle count per day during construction, phase 1 production and phase 2 production?
4. What is the latest on the green roof engineering?
5. What is the plan for solar panels on the site?
6. What are the proposed destinations of the excavated soils and how could these affect certain intersections such as Rt1/Rt3 and Rt1/Rt141? (Note - Wayne Marshall will provide language for draft Condition of Approval to address this issue).
7. Has CMP committed in writing to have adequate capacity for Nordic's needs at all times?
8. Written statement from NAF that they will be able to engineer a way to pull water out of a free-flowing Little River? Written commitment to let the town decide about removal of the lower dam even if NAF exercises its option to buy the dam. (Note - This issue is scheduled to be discussed by the Board as part of Agenda Topic 4.5.1)
9. Without giving away proprietary details; what kinds of ingredients will NAF use in fish food, how much variation is there, how do variations in feed affect odors in the neighborhood, wastewater, water quality at the shoreline, total carbon budget of operation?
10. What is the nature of the structural assessments to be done to the dams before blasting, to assess the effect of blasting?

**Additional Questions that Nordic must address and that will be considered by the Board.**

1. Is Nordic planning to protect its property from a possible failure of the upper dam? (Note - This issue is scheduled to be discussed by the Board at the 10/28 meeting as part of Agenda Topic 4.5.2)
2. Would blasting damage either dam?
3. If phase 2 is never built, will phase 1 be a viable business in the long term?
4. Does Nordic intend to occupy the pump house and/or allow the public to be there before a permanent solution is found for the upper dam? (Note - This issue is scheduled to be discussed by the Board at the 10/28 meeting as part of Agenda Topic 4.5.2)
5. Does Nordic have a plan to salvage understory plants in the forest to be transplanted out and used in restoration of stream nine, other local restoration projects, sold or given away?

6. Is the buffer around the NAF campus sufficient to protect the quality of designated valuable bird habitat? We know habitat quality for many species depends on large undisturbed areas with minimal edges. The same amount of acreage, if in small or narrow fragments, is not adequate to support populations. Will noise, human activity, edge dwelling predators etc leak through the buffer and lower habitat quality?

**Questions for Code and Planning Department staff to address.**

1. What are the setback requirements for the pipeline on the Ekorete property?
2. Don't the generator exhaust stacks exceed zoning height limits?
3. Does the state have a system of fines in place and warnings to the public should the wastewater treatment plant have a failure and violate it's permit?
4. Do we have a draft condition about performance bond insurance until the project is in working condition-such as a phased level of insurance to match the 2 phases of the project?
5. Do new state GHG emissions apply to applications currently underway?
6. Upstream has stated that air emissions from multiple aspects of the project, including the tanks themselves, fish processing etc, should have been considered as part of NAF's air emissions total. An increase in total emissions could push them into a higher class of emitter with different regulations. How much GHG/other pollutants are likely to come from these sources and why is the state not including them in the total? Will there be a more severe local air quality impact than that estimated by the state?
7. Is there a state limit on how much major wells can draw down the Little River from below, is there any monitoring plan in place or way to determine if that is happening?
8. What statement do we have from Belfast Water District about how they are preventing dam failure (with water level etc) in the meantime and how much control over water level they have in the event of increasingly common extreme rainfall, rainfall on frozen ground etc?
9. Do we have assurances in the record from a marine scientist that the proposed effluent will not cause algae build up at the local scale?
10. If NAF's RTI through Ekrote property were to fail in court would they dig up the channel of the little river to route the pipe there and would the state allow that?