

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CITY OF BELFAST ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The City of Belfast Zoning Board of Appeals, at its meeting of Thursday, February 18, 2021, beginning at 6:00 pm or as soon as practical thereafter, shall conduct a public meeting and public hearing via a ZOOM webinar on administrative appeals filed by Upstream Watch regarding 5 permit decisions made by the Belfast Planning Board at its meeting of December 22, 2020 for the Nordic Aquafarms, Inc. land based salmon aquaculture project. The Nordic project is located adjacent to the lower reservoir of the Little River on land currently owned by the Belfast Water District and other parties.

Upstream Watch, in its administrative appeals, alleges that the Belfast Planning Board did not properly interpret and apply City Ordinance requirements in issuing the following City Permits:

- Site Plan Permit pursuant to Chapter 90, Site Plan;
- Shoreland Permit pursuant to Chapter 82, Shoreland;
- Zoning Use Permit pursuant to Chapter 102, Zoning;
- Significant Groundwater Well Permit pursuant to Chapter 102, Zoning; and
- Significant Water Intake and Significant Water Outfall/Discharge Pipe Permit pursuant to Chapter 102, Zoning.

Consistent with City Ordinance standards for a public hearing on an administrative appeal, reference Section 102-134, Administrative Appeals, subsection (b), only parties with standing shall be allowed to participate in the public hearing. The Zoning Board of Appeals, at the meeting, will determine the time at which the February 18 public hearing will start. The Board, if necessary, will continue the public hearing to future Board meetings, and will provide notice of future meeting dates at the meeting and on the City website.

The ZOOM protocol for the February 18 Zoning Board of Appeals meeting/hearing is provided below:

Webinar Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89655447136>
Phone Number: 646-558-8656 or 301-715-8592
Webinar ID: 896 5544 7136

Members of the Zoning Board of Appeals will not physically be meeting in Belfast City Hall to conduct the meeting, thus, there will be no access to City Hall during the meeting. The City also will live stream the meeting on both BEL-TV and on the City website, cityofbelfast.org.

Information regarding the administrative appeals can be found on the City website, cityofbelfast.org, reference the Code and Planning link, Nordic Aquafarms Project, ZBA Administrative Appeals. A copy of the appeals and Nordic applications also are 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, Project Planner, Code and Planning at wmarshall@cityofbelfast.org.