

**CITY OF BELFAST PLANNING BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE
NORDIC AQUAFARMS PERMIT APPLICATIONS
AMENDED NOTICE - AUGUST 19, 2019 HEARINGS
INITIAL NOTICE - AUGUST 26, 2019 HEARINGS**

The City of Belfast Planning Board, at its meeting of Monday, August 19, 2019, and its meeting of Monday, August 26, 2019, beginning at 6:00 pm, in the Room 138 Conference Facility in the University of Maine Hutchinson Center that is located at 80 Belmont Avenue, is scheduled to conduct a series of public hearings on permit applications submitted 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.

AUGUST 19 PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public comment presented to the Planning Board at its August 19 meeting shall be limited to the following components of the Nordic Aquafarms permit applications. The Board will be conducting a separate public hearing on each of the following issues:

- 1) Are the project development activities proposed by Nordic Aquafarms permitted uses in the respective Zoning and Shoreland districts in which project activities are proposed.
- 2) Technical ability of Nordic Aquafarms to develop the proposed project, particularly reference Attachment 29 in the Nordic applications.
- 3) Visual impact on the scenic and natural beauty of the area and aesthetics, particularly reference Attachment 27, Visual Assessment Report in the Nordic applications.
- 4) Buffers, including bufferyard areas, screening and landscaping, particularly reference Attachment 28 in the Nordic applications.

AUGUST 26 PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public comment presented to the Planning Board at its August 26 meeting shall be limited to the following components of the Nordic Aquafarms permit applications. The Board will be conducting a separate public hearing on each of the following issues:

- 1) Noise associated with project operations, particularly reference the Noise Study in Attachment 30;
- 2) Air Emissions and air pollution, particularly reference Attachment 31;
- 3) Odors associated with project operations, particularly reference Attachment 35;
- 4) Access to sunlight, particularly reference the Sunlight Study, Attachment 33;
- 5) Maine Historic Preservation Commission Study, impact on archeological and historic resources, reference Attachment 32 in application.
- 6) Hearings not completed at the Board meeting of August 19 may be continued to the Board meeting of August 26.

The Board, at both the August 19 and 26 hearings, also will consider the respective sections of Attachment 4, Chapter 102, Zoning Standards, Attachment 5, Chapter 90, Site Plan Standards, Attachment 6, Chapter 82, Shoreland Zone Standards, and Attachment 7, Chapter 98, Technical Standards, associated with the above topics. All of the public hearings are associated with the Board's review of the following permit requirements 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 also will consider requirements identified in the Chapter 98, Technical Standards, and definitions identified in Chapter 66, General Provisions.

Persons who desire to offer comment may do so in one of three ways:

- 1) Oral comment presented at the above public hearings.
- 2) Written comment to: City of Belfast, Code & Planning Dept, 131 Church St, Belfast, ME, 04915.
- 3) Via email to: public@cityofbelfast.org.

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

The Department has posted an electronic version of the Nordic Aquafarms permit applications on the City website, cityofbelfast.org, reference Planning and Codes, Related Links, Nordic Permit Applications. The Department also has two complete copies of the application in its offices that are available for public inspection in City Hall during normal business hours. The Department does not have any printed application materials that persons can borrow or remove from City Hall.