

NEWRY PLANNING BOARD
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, June 18, 2025
Raymond C. Foster Municipal Building

Full discussion on the topics below is available on audio recording at the Newry Town Office.

Members Present: Ted Baker (Board Chair), Bruce Pierce (Board Vice Chair), John (aka Gootsch) Gauthier (Board Secretary), Rob Kates (Alternate)

Members Late:

Staff Present: Joelle Corey (Code Enforcement Officer)

Members & Staff Absent: Meredith Harrop (Alternate)

Public Attendees: Brooks Morton

Call to Order: Chairman, Ted Baker, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and proceeded with his opening statements.

Current Attendance/Quorum: The Chair took attendance and confirmed the presence of a quorum.

Prior Attendance/Voting Eligibility: With no recent absences, all full Board members are eligible to vote.

Previous Meeting's Minutes: The Board reviewed the May 21st meeting's minutes. **Gootsch moved to accept the minutes as written. Bruce seconded. With no discussion, the motion passed with all voting in favor.**

Correspondence Received:

a) Joelle reported that she was not aware of any correspondence received for the Planning Board since the last meeting.

Old Business – none

New Business – none

Findings of Fact

a) **Sunday River Skiway Corp., Site Plan Review – Cascades Booster Pumphouse; Application 25-287:** The Board proceeded to review the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

With no edits suggested following the review, Gootsch moved to approve the Findings of Fact as written. Ted seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Ted proceeded to sign two copies of the Findings of Fact with Gootsch signing as witness.

Per Joelle's request, the approved Findings of Fact will be sent to both the Applicant and their agent in the future.

CEO Reports

a) **Issued Permits:** Joelle reported that permits have stayed steady the past 3 years for the months of April and May. The Sunday River valley is much busier than the Bear River side of town. She noted, however, that there is a lull now for inspections.

Open Discussion

- a) The Town Office has received an Appeal Application from Timberline TH, LLC, Application # 25-286. Joelle noted that anyone wanting a copy of the Appeal must to make a formal information request in writing or via email. The Appeal Hearing, which is open to the public, will be held on Wednesday, July 16, at 5pm. With that in mind, the Planning Board will meet on July 2nd as regularly scheduled and make a decision regarding their second meeting of the month at that meeting.

Joelle noted that the Appeals Board is made up of Dave Berry, Rick Nelson, and Walter Hoffman.

The Chair reminded the Planning Board members that because of the appeal that is in process, the Board is not to discuss with the public, newspaper, or anybody, the Timberline TH, LLC Application 25-286 for The Village at Timberline Subdivision until the Appeal is resolved. The Chair encouraged the Board members to organize their notes on this application since the Planning Board is an interested party in the appeal.

- b) An MMA Planning Board & Board of Appeals Introductory Seminar is scheduled for July 29th in Freeport. The Chair encouraged Board members who have not attended this seminar recently to contact the Town Administrator and let her know that you'd like to attend.

Next Scheduled Meeting – Wednesday, July 2, 2025, at 6:00 at the Town Office. This meeting will include the annual election of officers.

Adjournment Gotsch moved to adjourn; Bruce seconded. Motion passed with all voting in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:17 PM.

APPROVED