

Calais Planning Board

April 24, 2017

The meeting of the Calais Planning Board was called to order by Chairman Richard Ramsey at 6:00 PM.

The members present were Chairman Richard Ramsey and Planning Board members Everett Libby, Herm Gadway, Michael Seymour, and Joan Perry. In the absence of Bill Cody, Joan Perry was appointed as a full voting member.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Michael Seymour motioned to approve the previous meeting minutes, Herm Gadway seconded. All were in favor.

New Business

A. Discussion of Zoning Issues

Jim Porter appeared before the Board to request the Board consider rezoning a portion of land located on Palmer Street to allow a professional office. To change the zoning in the area on Palmer Street currently zoned Residential-1 to Residential-1-P. It includes Map 27 portions of lots 183-1, 183-2 and 182. The proposed change would allow professional offices in the newly zoned area. Jim Porter explained how Gary Hagan had inquired about the land as potential use for a Veteran's Clinic. Gary Hagan, from Houlton, is interested in buying the land and building a 6,000 sq ft. building on the lots on the corner of Palmer St. and renting the property to the government for use of a Veteran's Clinic. There was discussion about which lots would be part of the potential zone change. After discussion, the Board decided that the appropriate zone would be Residential- 1- Professional Office, which essentially restricts the use to traditional residential 1 uses but also allows professional offices with low impact on the neighborhood. The Board agreed that there could be many benefits that would come from the project, including the proximity to the Hospital, other medical offices, and senior housing. Joan Perry made a motion to schedule a Public Hearing on June 6th at 6 p.m. to allow input from the public. The motion was seconded by Michael Seymour and all were in favor.

Adjourn

Everett Libby motioned to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 PM.

Attested By: _____

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Date: _____

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