

Agenda 2.20.19 – Planning Board Public Hearing on Land Use Ordinance Amendments (Porter)

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

- **7:00 – 7:10: Overview**

For over the past two years (*time permitting between applications*), the Board has been evaluating various sections of the ordinances, codes, and regulations, with case law, current statutes, and the most recent Maine DEP 2015 Chapter 1000 amendments.

You may have noticed advertisements of the same activity occurring in towns surrounding us over the past year (such as: *Baldwin, Hiram, Cornish, Parsonsfield, Brownfield, etc.*) as we all need to be getting our town regulations updated to current state standards.

A copy of this agenda & ground rules, and a summary of changes are available for your reference here tonight.

Since the ordinance mark-ups reflect pre-existing language as well as proposed language, and all underlines and mark-ups, it is significantly large (*roughly 155 pages*) and it is not cost prohibitive to print out copies for the three public meetings that will occur (*2 by the Planning Board, 1 by the Select Board*). The ordinance amendments will also likely be adjusted over the course of the next two months to incorporate public input and comments as they are obtained and to format.

The draft proposal, summary, and hearing agenda have been available on-line at portermaine.org or in the town office, a personal copy of the ordinance proposal and overview can be requested from the office during operating hours. Amendment updates will be available prior to and after the 2nd meeting, and incorporated into a final draft for a select board special town meeting (TBD).

The goal here is to provide opportunity for the public to speak or provide written comments if they so desire, opportunity for the public to prepare for and attend these meetings, and for the town to obtain public input on this draft.

Please sign in if you have not already, and the Board will introduce themselves before we begin.

- **7:10 – 7:15: Ground Rules**

3 minutes per person (*state your name and town you reside in*)

Questions asked to the Chair and be confined to the matter at hand

Questions are not to be accusatory or directed to any specific individual or situation

Individuals may only ask one question at a time to allow others the opportunity to speak, if desired.

Questions that require additional research will be tabled and evaluated by the Planning Board prior to the 2nd and 3rd hearings, so that the meetings can provide the opportunity for as much public input as possible in the time allotted.

- **7:15 – 7:55: Public Input/Questions & Answers**

- **7:55-8:00: Conclusion** – Closing statements by the Board and notice of secondary public hearing (7:00 pm-8:00 pm Wednesday March 20, 2019)