

**CITY OF BELFAST
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2021 6:00 PM**

NOTES TO PUBLIC:

- 1) Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) will not physically be meeting in the Council Chambers of Belfast City Hall to conduct the February 18 Board meeting. Thus, the public will have no access to City Hall during the meeting. The Board will conduct the meeting electronically via a ZOOM webinar.
- 2) There is an advertised public hearing for this meeting, however, the Board anticipates that the public hearing will be tabled until the next scheduled ZBA meeting, the date of which has not yet been determined. The dates of all future meetings and any public hearings that may be conducted at said meetings will be posted on the City website; reference cityofbelfast.org, planning and codes link, Zoning Board of Appeals - Nordic application.
- 3) Information regarding the Upstream Watch appeals that has been submitted to the ZBA in advance of the February 18 meeting can be found on the City of Belfast website, reference cityofbelfast.org, planning and codes link, Zoning Board of Appeals - Nordic application.
- 4) Persons who want to view the meeting can do so via the live stream on the City of Belfast website, cityofbelfast.org, and it will be aired live on BEL-TV.
- 5) The February 18 ZBA meeting involves the Board's review of administrative appeals filed by Upstream Watch regarding the following 5 permits approved by the Belfast Planning Board at its meeting of December 22, 2020 for Nordic Aquafarms, Inc. proposal to operate a land based salmon aquaculture facility on property located near the Lower Reservoir of the Little River:
 - Site Plan Permit issued pursuant to Chapter 90, Site Plan;
 - Zoning Use Permit issued pursuant to Chapter 102, Zoning;
 - Significant Groundwater Well Permit issued pursuant to Chapter 102, Zoning;
 - Significant Water Intake and Significant Water Discharge/Outfall Pipe Permit issued pursuant to Chapter 102, Zoning; and
 - Shoreland Permit issued pursuant to Chapter 82, Shoreland.

BOARD AGENDA

1. Call to Order & Roll Call. Peter Nesin, Chair, Michael Nickerson, Douglas Smith, Roger Pickering and Dana Keene, regular members, and Lewis Baker, alternate member.
2. Adoption of Agenda.

3. Introductions: Kate Grossman, legal counsel to ZBA, Upstream Watch representatives, Nordic Aquafarms representatives and City of Belfast representatives.
4. Board consideration of potential conflicts of interest and the members who will serve on the Upstream Watch administrative appeals.
5. Board determination of standing for Upstream Watch to file an administrative appeal.
6. Explanation by Attorney Grossman of the Administrative Appeal process for a Planning Board decision that is identified in City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 102, Zoning, Article II, Administration, Division 4, Appeals and Variances. Explanation will involve the process for conducting public hearings.
7. Description of information presented to the ZBA regarding the administrative appeals filed by Upstream Watch.
8. Discussion of the process the Board will use to conduct its review of the administrative appeals, and how it will render decisions on the appeals.
9. Discussion of Board schedule for the review of the administrative appeals, including any public hearings.
10. Other.
11. Adjournment.

The ZOOM protocol for viewing the ZBA meeting is provided below. Only persons who are directly associated with the appeal will be permitted to participate in the ZOOM webinar.

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