

**CITY OF BELFAST PLANNING BOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING -
SEPTEMBER 23, 2019
NORDIC AQUAFARMS PERMIT
APPLICATIONS**

The City of Belfast Planning Board, at its meeting of Monday, September 23, 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 public hearing 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. Public comment presented to the Planning Board at its September 23 hearing shall be limited to Nordic Aquafarms' proposal to use about 1,200 gallons of freshwater per minute in the production of salmon, including: water produced from on-site groundwater wells, surface water from the lower reservoir of the Little River, and water provided by the Belfast Water District. The Board will particularly be considering information in Attachments 23 and 24 of the permit applications, as well as information in Attachments 4, 5, 6 and 7 that are pertinent to the use of freshwater.

The public hearing is 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 Article VIII, Supplementary District Regulations, Division 7, Significant Groundwater Well Permit, requirements will specifically be considered.

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 September 23 public hearing.
- 2) Written comment to: City of Belfast, Code & Planning Dept, 131 Church St, Belfast, ME, 04915. Must arrive by 3:00 pm on September 23.
- 3) Via email to: public@cityofbelfast.org. Must arrive by 3:00 pm on September 23.

Questions regarding the permit applications and 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 a complete copy of the application in its offices that is 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.