

PLANNING BOARD REPORT
For the 2020 Annual Meeting

- 1. Hearings** Since last summer's annual meeting, the planning board held a total of three hearings, all were conditional use permits. Two involved repairing old septic systems and one was requesting the construction of a new shed.
- 2. Zoning Ordinances** The board continues to address the chapter 1000 state guidelines for shore land zoning ordinances. This involves updating our Bustins Island zoning ordinance to comply with the current state zoning standards. There are three areas that the board is prioritizing, non-conforming structures, timber harvesting standards and hazardous trees. Given the pandemic and the situation the state of Maine is currently in, the board will not have to address these issues with immediate urgency.
- 3. Comprehensive Plan** The board has been reviewing the action items that are part of the comprehensive plan. The island has been successfully addressing many of the items. The board will continue to monitor the progress moving forward. Our comprehensive plan as approved for consistency by the state will be in compliance for the next eight years.
- 4. Map Updates** The board is working to finalize a map that John Wood, the island surveyor and the board have put together to identify the wells, outhouses and septic systems on the island. This will help to understand the relationship between our water supply and drainage to possible contamination sites.
- 5. Bustins Island Green Infrastructure** Charlotte Kahn has been working diligently on implementing the grant that the island received. Several site visits have been held with the purpose of establishing design schematics. In addition, a cascade retention basin was installed on the way down the hill toward the post office. The corona virus has put many of the projects on hold. A lot of implementation is planned for the coming year. This should include further development of plans for green infrastructure to reduce storm water run-off, mitigate bluff erosion, replenish the aquifer and restore native habitat.

Members

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