



CITY OF BANGOR

PLANNING DIVISION

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**PLANNING BOARD
TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2026, 7:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1ST FLOOR OF CITY HALL
73 HARLOW STREET**

MEETING MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Chair Jonathan Boucher (via Zoom)
Vice Chair Janet Jonas (Acting Chair)
Ted Brush
Trisha Hayes
Greg Hobson
Ken Huhn (via Zoom)
Ross Whitford

City Staff Present:

Anja Collette, Planning Officer
Matt Altiero, Planning Analyst
Grace Innis, Assistant City Solicitor

Vice Chair Jonas called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Meeting Minutes – July 21, 2026

Member Hobson moved to approve the minutes of July 21, 2026 as amended. Seconded by Member Brush. Roll call vote conducted – all voting members in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

2. Adoption of Findings & Decisions for Grandview Avenue

Member Brush moved that the Board adopt the Findings & Decisions for Grandview Avenue. Seconded by Member Hobson. Roll call vote conducted – all voting members in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Chickens Discussion

Vice Chair Jonas introduced the agenda item.

Planning Officer Collette provided an overview, describing the policy question of how to address chicken keeping. She discussed a new state law that prevents municipalities from prohibiting chicken keeping in residential zones. Collette explained options such as setting a minimum lot size, creating setbacks, and limiting

the number of hens based on lot size. She provided the recommendation that multi-unit buildings require landlord and all tenant approval. Collette discussed efforts to prevent vermin.

Chair Boucher asked about requirements for registering – Planning Officer Collette responded chicken coops would require a Certificate of Occupancy, which would include an inspection from Code Enforcement and Animal Control.

Vice Chair Jonas asked if chicken coops would require building permits – Planning Officer Collette clarified they would not.

Vice Chair Jonas provided positive feedback to the preventative provisions towards predators and vermin. She commented that many coops are heated in the winter, recommending the inclusion of language such as “ensure proper use to prevent fires.” Jonas expressed that no roosters should be allowed. Planning Officer Collette responded that if electrical service is connected to a coop, it must meet the National Electrical Code.

Chair Boucher asked about different types of domestic birds, such as ducks or quails – Planning Officer Collette responded they would remain limited to lots in the Rural Residence and Agricultural District of at least one and a half acres.

Vice Chair Jonas asked for additional comments – there were none.

2. Signing of Old Subdivision Plan for Fairways

Vice Chair Jonas introduced the agenda item, explaining that a subdivision plan passed in 2018 needed to be signed and recorded.

3. Follow-Up/ Thoughts on Land Use Plan Updates

Planning Officer Collette discussed that staff comments were submitted to consultants, and the next step is to review the map.

Meeting adjourned at 7:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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