

PUBLIC NOTICE
Planning Board Public Hearing and Meeting
February 3, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.
Starks Community Center

Masks and Social Distancing Required

Subject of the Hearing:

The Starks Planning Board is proposing two ordinances for the March 12th town meeting ballot referendum. These will be presented at the public hearing. The Board is seeking public input on these ordinances. Copies of the proposed ordinances can be obtained off the Town’s website (insert link) or picked up at the Town Office. ***Anyone wishing to submit written comments should do so prior to the February 3rd hearing, so your comments can be considered at the public hearing.*** Either email your comments with “Planning Board” in the title to townofstarks@gmail.com or drop off a paper copy at the Town Office.

Question 1. Shall an ordinance entitled “*By-Laws for the Planning Board of the Town of Starks, Maine*” be enacted?

Summary: This ordinance updates the bylaws adopted by the Town in 1986. The ordinance sets forth the appointment of Planning Board members, the duties of the board and its officers, and establishes policies and procedures for meetings and decision-making.

Question 2. Shall an ordinance entitled “*Amendments to the Site Plan Review Ordinance for the Town of Starks*” be enacted?

Summary: This ordinance amends the Town’s existing Site Plan Review Ordinance to clarify and expand the Town’s regulatory authority over major projects, such as commercial water extraction, mineral mining, waste disposal, transmission/transportation corridors, solar energy installations, and the like. The amendments clarify the definition of major projects, consolidate and expand requirements for liability insurance to protect the town, add provisions for decommissioning when a project is no longer operating, address the transfer of permits from one company to another, and require that a project does not adversely impact or reduce the quality of any community services, such as fire, police ambulance, road capacity and snow removal, and the like.