

EASTBROOK LAND USE ORDINANCE

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LAND USE GUIDANCE ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTBROOK, MAINE

SECTION I: PURPOSES

The purposes of this Ordinance are:

1. to guide public and private land use decisions in accordance with State law and the wishes of the citizens of Eastbrook, Maine;
2. to preserve and protect the rural semi-developed character of the Town;
3. to facilitate the economic and social way of life desired;
4. to promote their public health, safety, and general community well-being;
5. to conserve and protect the natural resources of the Town;
6. to further the maintenance of safe and healthful conditions;
7. to prevent and control water pollution;
8. to protect fish spawning grounds, aquatic life, bird and other wildlife habitat;
9. to protect building and lands from flooding and accelerated erosion
10. to protect archaeological and historic resources;
11. to protect freshwater wetlands;
12. to control buildings sites, placement of structures and land uses;
13. to conserve shore cover, and visual as well as actual points of access to inland waters;
14. to provide for the construction and operation of appropriate Wind Energy Facilities subject to conditions that will protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the town, be of community benefit, and promote economic development.
15. to conserve natural beauty and open space; and
16. to anticipate and respond to the impact of development in shoreland areas.

SECTION II: APPLICABILITY

This Ordinance was prepared in accordance with the provisions of Title 30-A, Sections 4351-4353 and Title 38, Sections 435-449 of the Maine Revised Statutes.

This Ordinance applies to all land areas within the jurisdictional limits of the Town of Eastbrook, Maine.

This Ordinance also applies to any structure built on, over, or abutting a dock, wharf, or pier or other structure extending beyond the normal high water line of a water body or within a wetland.

SECTION III: EFFECTIVE DATE AND REPEAL OF FORMERLY ADOPTED ORDINANCE

This Ordinance, which was adopted by the municipal legislative body on January 19, 2011, and became effective at the time of adoption. Provision related to the Shoreland Area shall not be effective unless approved by the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection. A certified copy of the Ordinance, attested and signed by the Municipal Clerk, shall be forwarded to the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection for approval. If the Department of Environmental Protection fails to act on this Ordinance within forty-five (45) days of its receipt of the Ordinance, it shall be deemed approved. Upon approval of this Ordinance, the Land Use Ordinance previously adopted is hereby repealed.

Any application for a permit submitted to the municipality within the forty-five (45) day period shall be governed by the terms of this Ordinance if the Ordinance is approved by the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection.

SECTION IV: SEVERABILITY

Should any section or provision of this Ordinance be declared by the courts to be invalid, such decision shall not invalidate any other section or provision of this Ordinance.

SECTION V. AVAILABILITY

A certified copy of this Ordinance shall be filed with the Town Clerk and shall be accessible to any member of the public. Copies shall be made available to the public at reasonable cost at the expense of the person making the request. Notice of-availability of this Ordinance shall be posted.

SECTION VI. CONFLICTS WITH OTHER ORDINANCES

Whenever a provision of this Ordinance conflicts with or is inconsistent with another provision of this Ordinance or of any other Ordinance, regulation or statute, the more restrictive provision shall control.

SECTION VII: AMENDMENTS

This Ordinance may be amended by a majority vote of the citizens of the Town of Eastbrook, Maine at a Regular or Special Town Meeting.

Copies of amendments related to the Shoreland Area, attested and signed by the Town Clerk, shall be submitted, by registered mail, to the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection within fourteen (14) days following adoption by Town Meeting and shall not be effective unless approved by the Commissioner.

If the Commissioner fails to act on any amendment within forty-five (45) days of his/her receipt of the amendment, the amendment is automatically approved. Any application for a permit submitted to the municipality for an activity in the Shoreland Area, within the forty-five (45) day period, shall be governed by the terms of the amendment, if such amendment is approved by the Commissioner. A file of return receipts from such mailings shall be maintained as a permanent record.

SECTION VIII: DISTRICTS AND THE OFFICIAL

ZONING MAP A. OFFICIAL ZONING MAP

The Town of Eastbrook, Maine is hereby divided into the following districts as shown on the Official Zoning Map:

1. (RP) Resource Protection District
2. (GP) Groundwater Protection Overlay District
3. (FP) Forest Resources Protection District
4. (VC) Village Center/Historic Preservation District
5. (RS) Roadside Rural Residential District
6. (SR) Shoreland Residential District
7. (RR) Rural Residential District

The Official Zoning of the Town of Eastbrook, Maine and all future amendments thereto, shall be available at the Town Office and is hereby made part of and incorporated into this Ordinance.

B. CERTIFICATION OF OFFICIAL ZONING MAP

The Official Zoning Map shall be certified by the attested signature of the Town Clerk and shall be located in the Town Office.

C. CHANGES TO THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP

If amendments, in accordance with Section VIII, are made in the district boundaries or other matter portrayed on the Official Zoning Map, such changes shall be made on the Official Zoning Map within thirty (30) days after the amendment has been approved by the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection.

SECTION IX: INTERPRETATION OF DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

Unless otherwise set forth on the Official Zoning Map of the Town of Eastbrook, Maine, district boundary lines are property lines, the centerlines of streets, roads, and rights-of-way, and the boundaries of areas as defined or dimensioned herein. Where uncertainty exists as to exact location of district boundary lines, the Board of Appeals shall be the final authority as to location.

SECTION X. LAND USE REQUIREMENTS

Except as hereinafter specified, no building, structure or land shall hereafter be used or occupied, and no building or structure or part thereof shall hereafter be erected, constructed, expanded, moved, or altered and no new lot shall be created except in conformity with all of the regulations herein specified for the district in which it is located, unless a variance is granted.

SECTION XI: NON-CONFORMANCE

A. PURPOSE

It is the intent of this Ordinance to promote land use conformities, except that non-conforming conditions that existed before the effective date of this Ordinance shall be allowed to continue, subject to the requirements set forth in this section.

B. GENERAL

1. **TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP:** Non-conforming structures, lots, and uses may be transferred, and the new owner may continue the non-conforming use or continue to use the non-conforming structure or lot, subject to the provisions of this Ordinance.
2. **REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE:** This Ordinance allows, without a permit, the normal upkeep and maintenance of non-conforming uses and structures including repairs or renovations which do not involve expansion of the non-conforming use or structure, and such other changes in a non-conforming use or structure as federal, state or local building and safety codes may require.

C. NON-CONFORMING STRUCTURES

1. **EXPANSIONS:** A non-conforming structure may be added to or expanded after obtaining a permit from the same permitting authority as that for a new structure, if such addition or expansion does not increase the non-conformity of the structure.

Further Limitations:

- a. After January 1, 1989 if any portion of a structure is less than the required setback from the normal high-water line of a water body or upland edge of a wetland, that portion of the structure shall not be expanded in floor area or volume, by 30% or more, during the lifetime of the structure.
 - b. Construction or enlargement of a foundation beneath the existing structure shall not be considered an expansion of the structure provided; that the structure and new foundation are placed such that the setback requirement is met to the greatest practical extent as determined by the Planning Board, basing its decision on the criteria specified in subsection C.2 below; that the completed foundation does not extend beyond the exterior dimensions of the structure; and that the foundation does not cause the structure to be elevated by more than three (3) additional feet.
 - c. No structure which is less than the required setback from the normal high-water line of a water body, tributary stream, or upland edge of a wetland shall be expanded toward the water body, tributary stream, or wetland.
2. **RELOCATION:** A non-conforming structure may be relocated within the boundaries of the parcel on which the structure is located provided that the site of relocation conforms to all setback requirements to the greatest practical extent as determined by the Planning Board, and provided that the applicant demonstrates that the present subsurface sewage disposal system meets the requirements of State law and the State of Maine Subsurface Wastewater Disposal Rules (Rules), or that a new system can be installed in compliance with the law and said Rules. In no case shall a structure be relocated in a manner that causes the structure to be more non-conforming.

In determining whether the building relocation meets the setback to the greatest practical extent, The Planning Board shall consider the size of the lot, the slope of the land, the potential for soil erosion, the location of other structures on the property and on adjacent properties, the location of the septic system and other on-site soils suitable for septic systems, and the type and amount of vegetation to be removed to accomplish the relocation.

3. **RECONSTRUCTION OR REPLACEMENT:** Any non-conforming structure which is located less than the required setback from the normal high-water line of a water body, tributary stream, or upland edge of a wetland and which is removed, or damaged or destroyed by more than 50% of the market value of the structure before such damage, destruction or removal, may be reconstructed or replaced provided that a permit is obtained within one year of the date of said damage, destruction, or removal, and provided that such reconstruction or replacement is in compliance with the water setback requirement to the greatest practical extent as determined by the Planning Board in

accordance with the purposes of this Ordinance. in no case shall a structure be reconstructed or replaced so as to increase its non-conformity.

Any non-conforming structure which is damaged or destroyed by 50% or less of the market value of the structure, excluding normal maintenance and repair, may be reconstructed in place with a permit, from the Planning Board.

In determining whether the building reconstruction or replacement meets the water setback to the greatest practical extent the Planning Board shall consider in addition to the criteria in paragraph 2 above, the physical condition and type of foundation present, if any.

4. **CHANGE OF USE OF A NON-CONFORMING STRUCTURE:** The use of a non-conforming structure may not be changed to another use unless the Planning Board after receiving a written application determines that the new use will have no greater adverse impact on the water body or wetland or on the subject or adjacent properties and resources than the existing use.

In determining that no greater adverse impact will occur, the Planning Board shall require written documentation from the applicant, regarding the probable effects on public health and safety, erosion and sedimentation, water quality, fish and wildlife habitat, vegetative cover, visual and actual points of public access to waters, natural beauty, flood plain management, archaeological and historic resources, and other functionally water-dependent uses.

D. NON-CONFORMING USES

1. **EXPANSIONS:** Expansions of non-conforming uses are prohibited, except that nonconforming residential uses may, after obtaining a permit from the Planning Board, be expanded within existing residential structures or within expansions of such structures as permitted in Section XI.C.1.a.
2. **RESUMPTION PROHIBITED:** A lot, building or structure in or on which a nonconforming use is discontinued for a period exceeding one year, or which is superseded by a conforming use, may not again be devoted to a non-conforming use except that the Planning Board may, for good cause shown by the applicant, grant up to a one year extension to that time period. This provision shall not apply to the resumption of a use of a residential structure provided that the structure has been used or maintained for residential purposes during the preceding five (5) year period.

3. CHANGES OF USE: An existing non-conforming use may be changed to another nonconforming use provided that the proposed use has no greater adverse impact on the subject and adjacent properties and resources, than the former use, as determined by the Planning Board. The determination of no greater adverse impact shall be made according to criteria listed in Section XI.C.4 above.

E. NON-CONFORMING LOTS

1. NON-CONFORMING LOTS: A non-conforming lot of record as of the effective date of this Ordinance or amendment thereto may be built upon, without the need for a variance, provided that such lot is in separate ownership and not contiguous with any other lot in the same ownership, and that all provisions of the Ordinance except lot size and frontage can be met. Variances relating to setback or other requirements not involving lot size or frontage shall be obtained by action of the Board of Appeals.
2. CONTIGUOUS BUILT LOTS; If two or more contiguous lots or parcels are in a single or joint ownership of record at the time of adoption of this Ordinance, if all or part of the lots do not meet the dimensional requirements of this Ordinance, and if a principal use or structure exists on each lot, the non-conforming lots may be conveyed separately or together, provided that the State Minimum Lot Size Law and Subsurface Wastewater Disposal Rules are complied with.

If two or more principal uses or structures existed on a single lot of record on the effective date of this Ordinance, each may be sold on a separate lot provided that the above referenced law and rules are complied with. When such lots are divided each lot thus created must be as conforming as possible to the dimensional requirements of this Ordinance.

3. CONTIGUOUS LOTS - VACANT OR PARTIALLY BUILT: if two or more contiguous lots or parcels are in single or joint ownership of record at the time of or since adoption or amendment of this Ordinance, if any of these lots do not individually meet the dimensional requirements of this Ordinance or subsequent amendments, and if one or more of the lots are vacant or contain no principal structure the lots shall be combined to the extent necessary to meet the dimensional requirements.

This provision shall not apply to 2 or more contiguous lots, at least one of which is non-conforming, owned by the same person or persons on the effective date of this Ordinance and recorded in the Registry of Deeds if the lot is served by a public sewer or can accommodate a subsurface sewage disposal system in conformance with the State of Maine Subsurface Wastewater Disposal Rules, and:

- a. Each lot contains at least 100 feet of shore frontage and at least 20,000 square feet of lot area; or

- b. Any lots that do not meet the frontage and lot size requirements of subparagraph a. are reconfigured or combined so that each new lot contains at least 100 feet of shore frontage and 20,000 square feet of lot area.

SECTION XII: CRITERIA FOR ESTABLISHING DISTRICTS

A. (RP) RESOURCE PROTECTION DISTRICT

The Resource Protection District shall include: areas in which development would adversely affect water quality, productive habitat, biological ecosystems, or scenic and natural values. This district shall include the following areas:

1. Areas within 250 feet, horizontal distance, of the upland edge of freshwater wetlands, and wetlands associated with great ponds and rivers, which are rated "moderate" or "high" value by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (MDIF&W) as of January 1, 1973.
2. Areas within seventy-five (75) feet, horizontal distance, of the normal high-water line of a stream, exclusive of those areas within two-hundred and fifty (250) feet, horizontal distance, of the normal high-water line of a great pond, river or other water body, or within two hundred and fifty (250) feet, horizontal distance, of the upland edge of a freshwater or wetland. Where a stream and its associated shoreland area is located within two-hundred and fifty (250) feet, horizontal distance, of the above water bodies or wetlands, that land area shall be regulated under the terms of the shoreland district associated with that water body or wetland.
3. Flood plains along rivers and flood plains along artificially formed great ponds along rivers, defined by the 100 year flood plain as designated on the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Maps or Flood Hazard Boundary Maps, *or the Flood of record, or in the absence of these, by soil types identified as recent flood plain soils*. This district shall also include 100 year flood plains adjacent to tidal waters as shown on FEMA's Flood Insurance Rate Maps or Flood Hazard Boundary Maps.
4. Land, within the Shoreland Area, of two (2) or more contiguous acres with sustained slopes of 20% or greater.
5. Land, within the Shoreland Area, of two (2) or more contiguous acres supporting wetland vegetation and hydric soils, which are not part of a freshwater wetland as defined, and which are not surficially connected to a water body during normal spring high water.

6. Land, within the shoreland area, subject to severe bank erosion, undercutting, or river bed movement.

- B. (GP) GROUNDWATER PROTECTION OVERLAY DISTRICT
The Groundwater Protection District shall include the Town's identified sand and gravel aquifers and all land five hundred feet (500') outside their mapped boundaries.

- C. (FP) FOREST RESOURCES PROTECTION DISTRICT
The Forest Resources Protection District shall include any parcel of land registered under the Tree Growth Tax Law at the time of adoption of this Ordinance.

- D. (VC) VILLAGE CENTER/HISTORIC PRESERVATION DISTRICT
The Village Center/Historic Preservation District shall include all land within a line five hundred feet (500') of the westerly side and running parallel to Route 200, beginning at a point directly across from the southerly property line of the Grange Hall to Mill Stream and a line five hundred feet (500') on the easterly side of and parallel to Route 200/Sugar Hill Road from the southern property line of the Grange Hall to Mill Stream at the outlet of Scammons Pond, which is not designated as a (RP) Resource Protection, (GP) Groundwater Protection Overlay, (FP) Forest Resources Protection, (RS) Roadside Rural Residential, or (SR) Shoreland Residential District.

- E. (RS) ROADSIDE RURAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT
The Roadside Rural Residential District shall include all land within five hundred feet (500') of the edge of the right-of-way of either side of Route 200, the Sugar Hill Road and the Macomber Mill Road which is not designated as a (RP) Resource Protection, {GP} Groundwater Protection Overlay, {FP} Forest Resources Protection, (VC) Village Center/Historic Preservation, or {SR} Shoreland Residential District.

- F. (SR) SHORELAND RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT
The Shoreland Residential District shall include land within two hundred fifty feet (250') of the normal high water mark of Molasses, Webbs, and Abrams Ponds which is not designated as a (RP) Resource Protection, (GP) Groundwater Protection Overlay, (FP) Forest Resources Protection, (VC) Village Center/Historic Preservation, or (RS) Roadside Rural Residential District.

- G. (RR) RURAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT
The Rural Residential District shall include other land within Town which is not designated as a (RP) Resource Protection, (GP) Groundwater Protection Overlay, (FP) Forest Resources Protection, (VC) Village Center/Historic Preservation, (RS) Roadside Rural Residential, or (SR) Shoreland Residential District.

SECTION XIII: SCHEDULE OF LAND USES

All Land Use Activities listed in the table below shall conform with all of the applicable Land Use Standards in Section XIV of this Ordinance.

KEY:

- Y Allowed (No permit required)
- N Prohibited
- PB Requires Planning Board Permit
- LPI Requires permit from Local Plumbing Inspector pursuant to State Plumbing Code
- DEP May require application to and permit from the Department of Environmental Protection

DISTRICTS:

- RP Resource Protection District
- GP Groundwater Protection Overlay District
- FP Forest Resource Protection District
- VC Village Center/Historic Preservation District
- RS Roadside Rural Residential District
- SR Shoreland Residential District
- RR Rural Residential District

TABLE OF USES							
LAND USES	DISTRICTS						
	RP	GP	FP	VC	RS	SR	RR
1. Non-intensive recreational uses not requiring structures such as hiking, fishing and hunting	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2. Motorized vehicular traffic on existing roads and trails	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
3. Forest management activities except for timber harvesting	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
4. Timber harvesting	PB ¹	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
5. Clearing of vegetation for approved construction and other allowed uses	PB	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
6. Fire prevention activities	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
7. Wildlife Management Practices	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
8. Soil and Water Conservation Practices	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
9. Mineral exploration	Y ²	Y ²	Y ²	Y ²	Y ²	Y ²	Y ²

10. Mineral extractions including sand and gravel extraction	PB ³	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB
11. Surveying and resource analysis	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
12. Emergency operations	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
13. Agriculture	PB	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
14. Principal Structures and Uses							
a. one and two family residence	PB ⁴	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB
b. multi-unit residential	N	PB	N	PB	PB	N	PB
c. commercial	N	PB	PB	PB	PB	N	PB
d. industrial	N	N	N	PB	N	N	N
e. governmental and institutional	N	N	N	PB	PB	N	PB
f. small non-residential facilities for educational, scientific, or nature interpretation purposes	PB ⁴	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB
15. Structures accessory to permitted uses	PB ⁴	PB	Y	Y	Y	PB	Y
16. Piers, docks, wharfs, bridges, and other structures and uses extending over or below the normal high-water line or within a wetland.							
a. Temporary	PB	N	N	N	N	Y	N
b. Permanent	PB	N	N	N	N	PB	N
17. Conversions of seasonal residences to year-round residences	N	PB LPI	PB LPI	PB LPI	PB LPI	PB LPI	PB LPI
18. Home Occupations	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
19. Private sewage disposal systems	N	LPI	LPI	LPI	LPI	PB LPI	LPI
20. Essential Services	PB ⁶	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB
21. Service drops, as defined, to allowed uses	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
22. Public and private recreational areas involving minimal structural development	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB
23. Individual private campsites	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB
24. Campgrounds	N ⁶	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB
25. Road Construction and Driveway Construction	N ⁷	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB
26. Parking facilities	N ⁶	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB
27. Marinas	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
28. Filling and Earth Moving							
a. 10 cubic yards or less	PB	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
b. 10 cubic yards or more	PB	PB	Y	Y	Y	PB	Y
29. Signs	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
30. Uses similar to uses requiring a PB permit	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB
31. Uses similar to allowed uses	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
32. Wind Energy Facilities ¹⁰							
Wind Energy Facility Type 1-A	N	PB	PB	PB	PB	N	PB
Wind Energy Facility Type 1-B	N	N	PB	N	N	N	PB
Wind Energy Facility Type 2	N	N	PB	N	N	N	PB
Wind Energy Facility Type 3	N	N	PB	N	N	N	PB

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FOOTNOTES:

1. In RP not permitted within 75 feet of the normal high-water line of great ponds, except to remove safety hazards.
2. Requires permit from the Planning Board if more than 100 square feet of surface area, in total, is disturbed.
3. In RP not permitted in areas so designated because of wildlife value.
4. Prohibited in the RP District, except within seventy-five feet (75') of a stream, provided that a variance from the setback requirement is obtained from the Board of Appeals.
5. See further restrictions in Section XIV.L.2.
6. Except when area is zoned for resource protection due to flood plain criteria in which case a permit is required from the PB.
7. Except to provide access to permitted uses within the district, or where no reasonable alternative route or location is available outside the RP area, in which case a permit is required from the PB.
8. Only within 1,000 feet of the zone boundaries of the Village Center/Historic Preservation District.
9. Commercial uses are limited to small stores, laundromats, barber shops and offices provided they occupy a footprint of not more than 2,000 square feet and employ fewer than 10 persons.
10. All Wind Energy Facilities are also subject to the standards of the town of Eastbrook Wind Energy Facility Ordinance plus all other applicable state standards and local ordinances.

NOTE:

A person performing any of the following activities shall require a permit from the Department of Environmental Protection, pursuant to Title 38 M.R.S.A., Section 480-C, if the activity occurs in, on, over or adjacent to any freshwater, great pond, river, stream or brook and operates in such a manner that material or soil may be washed into them:

- a. Dredging, bulldozing, removing or displacing soil, sand, vegetation or other materials;
- b. Draining or *otherwise* dewatering;
- c. Filling, including adding sand or other material to a sand dune; or
- d. Any construction or alteration of any permanent structure.

SECTION XIV: LAND USE STANDARDS

A. DIMENSIONAL REQUIREMENTS

1. DIMENSIONAL REQUIREMENTS: PROTECTION DISTRICTS

The following table describes the dimensional requirements for the (RP) Resource Protection, (GP) Groundwater Protection, and (FP) Forest Resource Protection Districts:

DIMENSIONAL REQUIREMENTS ^{1, 2}	RP Resource Protection	GP Groundwater Protection Overlay	FP Forest Resources Protection
Minimum Lot Size {sq ft}	N/A	80,000	435,000
Minimum Road Frontage	N/A	200 feet	200 feet
Minimum Shore Frontage Residential Structures: Commercial Structures Public and private recreational facilities:	N/A N/A N/A	N/A N/A N/A	200 feet 300 feet 400 feet
Minimum Front Yard Setback From R-O-W Edge:	75 feet'	75 feet	100 feet
Minimum Side Yard Setback Principal Structures: Accessory Structures:	30 feet' 20 feet'	30 feet 20 feet	30 feet 20 feet
Minimum Rear Yard Setback Principal Structures: Accessory Structures:	30 feet' 20 feet'	30 feet 20 feet	30 feet 20 feet
Maximum Lot Coverage	N/A	20 percent	N/A
Maximum Building Height Principal Structures: Accessory Structures:	35 feet' 16 feet'	35 feet 16 feet	35 feet 16 feet
FOOTNOTES:			
1. For structures approved by the Planning Board as permitted by Section XIII.			
2. For Wind Energy Systems, see Eastbrook Wind Energy Ordinance for dimensional standards			

2. DIMENSIONAL REQUIREMENTS: DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS

The following table describes the dimensional requirements for the (VC) Village Center Historic Preservation, (RS) Roadside Rural Residential, (SR} Shoreland Residential, and (RR) Rural Residential Districts:

DIMENSIONAL REQUIREMENTS ¹	VC Village Center	RS Roadside Rural Residential	SR Shoreland Residential	RR Rural Residential Development
Maximum Lot Size in Subdivisions (sq ft)	43,560	N/A	N/A	N/A
Minimum Lot Size (sq ft)	40,000	80,000	80,000	40,000
Minimum Road Frontage	100 feet	200 feet	100 feet	100 feet

Minimum Shore Frontage Residential Structures: Commercial Structures Public and private recreational facilities:	N/A N/A N/A	N/A N/A N/A	200 feet 300 feet 400 feet	N/A N/A N/A
Minimum Front Yard Setback From R-O-W Edge:	75 feet	100 feet	N/A	75 feet
Minimum Side Yard Setback Principal Structures Accessory Structures:	10 feet 10 feet	30 feet 20 feet	30 feet 20 feet	30 feet 20 feet
Minimum Rear Yard Setback Principal Structures: Accessory Structures:	10 feet 10 feet	30 feet 20 feet	30 feet 20 feet	30 feet 20 feet
Maximum Lot Coverage	40 percent	20 percent	20 percent	20 percent
Maximum Building Height Principal Structures: Accessory Structures:	35 feet 16 feet	35 feet 16 feet	35 feet 16 feet	35 feet 16 feet

¹ Dimensional standards for Wind Energy Systems are controlled by the Eastbrook Wind Energy Facility Ordinance

3. ADDITIONAL DIMENSIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- a. Land below the normal high-water of a water body or upland edge of a wetland and land beneath roads serving more than two (2) lots shall not be included toward calculating minimum lot area.
- b. Lots located on opposite sides of a public or private road shall be considered each a separate tract or parcel of land unless such road was established by the owner of land on both sides thereof after September 22, 1971.
- c. The minimum width of any portion of any lot within one hundred (100) feet, horizontal distance, of the normal high-water line of a water body or upland edge of a wetland shall be equal to or greater than the shore frontage requirement for a lot with the proposed use.
- d. If more than one residential dwelling unit or more than one principal commercial or industrial structure is constructed on a single parcel, all dimensional requirements shall be met for each additional dwelling unit or principal structure.

B. GENERAL PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

All land use activities shall conform with the following provisions, if and as applicable.

1. PRINCIPAL AND ACCESSORY STRUCTURES

- a. All new principal and accessory structures shall be set back at least one hundred (100) feet from the normal high-water line of Molasses, Abrams, Webbs, and Scamrnons Ponds, and from the normal high water line of Roaring Brook, Bog River, Little Bog River, Mill Stream, Alder Stream, and George's Brook and seventy-five (75) feet from the normal high-water line of other water bodies, tributary streams, or the upland edge of a wetland.

In addition, all new structures or foundation improvements to existing structures shall place the elevation of the first floor, or basement, if the basement is the lowest floor, one foot above the 100- year flood plain.

- b. Principal or accessory structures and expansions of existing structures shall not exceed thirty-five (35) feet in height. This provision shall not apply to structures such as transmission towers, windmills, antennas, and similar structures having no floor area.
- c. The first floor elevation or openings of all buildings and structures including basements shall be elevated at least one foot above the elevation of the 1 00 year flood, the flood of record, or in the absence of these, the flood as defined by soil types identified as recent flood plain soils.
- d. The total area of all structures, parking lots and other non-vegetated surfaces, within the shoreland zone shall not exceed twenty (20) percent of the lot or a portion there of, located within the Shoreland Area, including land area previously developed.
- e. Notwithstanding the requirements stated above, stairways or similar structures may be allowed with a permit from the Planning Board, to provide shoreline access in areas of steep slopes or unstable soils provided; that the structure is limited to a maximum of four (4) feet in width; that the structure does not extend below or over the normal highwater line of a water body or upland edge of a wetland, (unless permitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to the Natural Resources Protection Act, Title 38, Section 480-C); and that the applicant demonstrates that no reasonable access alternative exists on the property.

2. PIERS, DOCKS, WHARFS, BRIDGES AND OTHER STRUCTURES AND USES EXTENDING OVER OR BEYOND THE NORMAL HIGH-WATER LINE OF A WATER BODY OR WITHIN A WETLAND

- a. Access from shore shall be developed on soils appropriate for such use and constructed so as to control erosion.

- b. The location shall not interfere with existing developed or natural beach areas.
- c. The facility shall be located so as to minimize adverse effects on fisheries.
- d. The facility shall be not larger in dimension than necessary to carry on the activity and be consistent with existing conditions, use, and character of the area.
- e. No new structure shall be built on, over or abutting a pier, wharf, dock, or other structure extending beyond the normal high-water line of a water body or within a wetland unless the structure requires direct access to the water as an operational necessity.
- f. No existing structures built on, over or abutting a pier, dock, wharf or other structure extending beyond the normal high-water line of a water body or within a wetland shall be converted to residential dwelling units in any district.
- g. Structures built on, over or abutting a pier, wharf, dock, or other structure extending beyond the normal high-water line of a water body or within a wetland shall not exceed twenty (20) feet in height above the pier, wharf, dock or other structure.

3. CAMPGROUNDS

Campgrounds shall conform to the minimum requirements imposed under State licensing procedures and the following:

- a. Campgrounds shall conform a minimum of five thousand (5,000) square feet of land, not including roads and driveways, for each site. Land supporting wetland vegetation, and land below the normal high-water line of a water body shall not be included in calculating land area per site.

The area intended for placement of the recreational vehicle, tent, or shelter and utility and service buildings, shall be set back a minimum of one hundred (100) feet from the normal high water lines of Molasses, Abrams, Webbs, and Scammons Ponds and Roaring Brook, Bog River, Little Bog River, Mill Stream, Adler Brook, and Georges Brook, and seventy-five (75) feet from the normal high-water line of other water bodies, tributary streams, or the upland edge of a wetland.

4. INDIVIDUAL PRIVATE CAMPSITES

Individual, private campsites not associated with campgrounds are permitted provided the following conditions are met:

- a. One campsite per lot existing on the effective date of this Ordinance, or thirty thousand (30,000) square feet of lot area within the shoreland zone, whichever is less, may be permitted.
- b. Campsite placement on any lot, including the area intended for a recreational vehicle or tent platform, shall be set back one hundred (100) feet from the normal high-water line of Molasses, Abrams, Webbs, and Scammons Ponds

and Roaring Brook, Bog River, Little Bog River, Mill Stream, Adler Stream, and Georges Brook and seventy-five (75) 'feet from the normal high-water line of other water bodies, tributary streams, or the upland edge of a wetland.

- c. Recreational vehicles shall not be located on any type of permanent foundation except for a gravel pad, and no structure(s) except canopies shall be attached to the recreational vehicle.
- d. The clearing of vegetation for the siting of the recreational vehicle, tent or similar shelter in a Resource Protection District shall be limited to one thousand (1000) square feet.
- e. A written sewage disposal plan describing the proposed method and location of sewage disposal shall be required for each campsite and shall be approved by the Planning Board and Local Plumbing Inspector. Where disposal is off-site, written authorization from the receiving facility or land owner is required.
- f. When a recreational vehicle, tent or similar shelter is placed on-site for more than one hundred and twenty (120) days per year, all requirements for residential structures shall be met, including the installation of a subsurface sewage disposal system in compliance with the State of Maine Subsurface Wastewater Disposal Rules unless served by public sewage facilities.

5. COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL USES

The following new commercial and industrial uses are prohibited within the Shoreland Area adjacent to Molasses, Abrams, Webbs, and Scammons Ponds and Roaring Brook, Bog River, Little Bog River, Mill Stream, Adler Stream, and Georges Brook, and rivers and streams which flow to those lakes:

- a. Auto washing facilities
- b. Auto or other vehicle service and/or repair operations, including body shops
- c. Chemical and bacteriological laboratories
- d. Storage of chemicals, including herbicides, pesticides or fertilizers other than amounts normally associated with individual households or farms
- e. Commercial painting, wood preserving, and furniture stripping
- f. Dry cleaning establishments
- g. Electronic circuit assembly
- h. Laundromats, unless connected to a sanitary sewer
- i. Metal plating, finishing or polishing
- j. Petroleum or petroleum product storage and/or sale except storage on same property as use occurs and except for storage and sales associated with marinas
- k. Photographic processing
- l. Printing

6. PARKING AREAS

- a. Parking areas shall meet the shoreline setback requirements for structures for the district in which such areas are located. The setback requirement for parking areas serving public boat launching facilities may be reduced to no less than fifty (50) feet from the normal high-water line or upland edge of a wetland if the Planning Board finds that no other reasonable alternative exists.
- b. Parking areas shall be adequately sized for the proposed use and shall be designed to prevent stormwater runoff from flowing directly into a water body, and where feasible, to retain all runoff on-site.
- c. In determining the appropriate size of proposed parking facilities, the following shall apply:
- d. Typical parking space: Approximately ten (10) feet wide and twenty (20) feet long, except that parking spaces for a vehicle and boat trailer shall be forty (40) feet long.
 - 1) internal travel aisles: Approximately twenty (20) feet wide.

7. ROADS AND DRIVEWAYS

The following standards shall apply to the construction of roads and/or driveways and drainage systems, culverts, and other related features:

- a. Roads and driveways shall be set back at least one-hundred (100) feet from the normal high-water line of Molasses, Abrams, Webbs, and Scammons Ponds and Roaring Brook, Bog River, Little Bog River, Mill Stream, Adler Stream, and Georges Brook and seventy-five (75) feet from the normal high-water line of other water bodies, tributary streams, or the upland edge of a wetland unless no reasonable alternative exists as determined by the Planning Board. If no other reasonable alternative exists, the Planning Board may reduce the road and/or driveway setback requirement to no less than fifty (50) feet upon clear showing by the applicant that appropriate techniques will be used to prevent sedimentation of the water body. Such techniques may include, but are not limited to, the installation of settling basins, and/or the effective use of additional ditch relief culverts and turnouts placed so as to avoid sedimentation of the water body, tributary stream, or wetland.

On slopes of greater than twenty (20) percent the road and/or driveway setback shall be increased by ten (10) feet for each five (5) percent increase in slope above twenty (20) percent.

This paragraph shall neither apply to approaches to water crossings nor to roads or driveways that provide access to permitted structures, and facilities located nearer to the shoreline due to an operational necessity. New road construction cannot be obligated by newly permitted building construction.

- b. Existing public roads may be expanded within the legal road right-of-way regardless of its setback from a water body.
- c. New roads and driveways are prohibited in a Resource Protection District

except to provide access to permitted uses within the district, or as approved by the Planning Board upon a finding that no reasonable alternative route or location is available outside the district, in which case the road and/or driveway shall be set back as far as practicable from the normal high-water line of a water body, tributary stream, or upland edge of a wetland.

- d. Road banks shall be no steeper than a slope of two (2) horizontal to one (1) vertical, and shall be graded and stabilized in accordance with the provisions for erosion and sedimentation control contained in subsection 14.
- e. Road grades shall be no greater than ten (10) percent except for short segments of less than two hundred (200) feet.
- f. In order to prevent road surface drainage from directly entering water bodies, roads shall be designed, constructed, and maintained to empty onto an unscarified buffer strip at least (50) feet plus two times the average slope, in width between the outflow point of the ditch or culvert and the normal high-water line of a water body, tributary stream, or upland edge of a wetland. Road surface drainage which is directed to an unscarified buffer strip shall be diffused or spread out to promote infiltration of the runoff and to minimize channelized flow of the drainage through the buffer strip.
- g. Ditch relief (cross drainage) culverts, drainage dips and water turnouts shall be installed in a manner effective in directing drainage onto unscarified buffer strips before the flow in the road or ditches gains sufficient volume or head to erode the road or ditch. To accomplish this, the following shall apply:
 - 1) Ditch relief culverts, drainage dips and associated water turnouts shall be spaced along the road at intervals no greater than indicated in the following table:

Road Grade (Percent)	Spacing (Feet)
0-2	250
3-5	200-135
6-10	100-80
11-15	80-65
16-20	60-45
21+	40

- 2) Drainage dips may be used in place of ditch relief culverts only where the road grade is ten (10) percent or less.

- 3) On road sections having slopes greater than ten (10) percent, ditch relief culverts shall be placed across the road at approximately a thirty (30) degree angle downslope from a line perpendicular to the centerline of the road.
 - 4) Ditch relief culverts shall be sufficiently sized and properly installed in order to allow for effective functioning, and their inlet and outlet ends shall be stabilized with appropriate materials.
- h. Ditches, culverts, bridges, dips, water turnouts and other storm water runoff control installations associated with roads shall be maintained on a regular basis to assure effective functioning.

8. SIGNS

The following provisions shall govern the use of signs:

- a. Signs and billboards relating to goods and services sold on the premises shall be permitted, provided such signs shall not exceed six (6) square feet in area, and shall not exceed two (2) signs per premises. Billboards and signs relating to goods or services not sold or rendered on the premises shall be prohibited.
- b. Name signs shall be permitted, provided such signs shall not exceed two (2) signs per premises.
- c. Residential users may display a single sign not over three (3) square feet in area relating to the sale, rental, or lease of the premises.
- d. Signs relating to trespassing and hunting shall be permitted without restriction as to number provided that no such sign shall exceed two (2) square feet in area.
- e. Signs relating to public safety shall be permitted without restriction.
- f. No sign shall extend higher than twenty (20) feet above the ground.
- g. Signs may be illuminated only by shielded, non-flashing lights.

9. STORM WATER RUNOFF

- a. All new construction and development shall be designed to minimize storm water runoff from the site in excess of the natural predevelopment conditions. Where possible, existing natural runoff control features, such as berms, swales, terraces, and wooded areas shall be retained in order to reduce

runoff and encourage infiltration of stormwaters.

- b. Storm water runoff control systems shall be maintained as necessary to ensure proper functioning.

10. SEPTIC WASTE DISPOSAL

- a. All subsurface sewage disposal systems shall be installed in conformance with the State of Maine Subsurface Wastewater Disposal Rules.

These Rules, among other requirements, require that:

- 1) The minimum setback for new subsurface sewage disposal systems, shall be no less than one hundred (100) horizontal feet from the normal high-water line, of a perennial water body. The minimum setback distances from water bodies for new subsurface sewage disposal systems shall not be reduced by variance.
- 2) Replacement system shall meet the standards for replacement systems as contained in the Rules.

b. PRIVIES

Privies may be permitted in areas not served by community sewer facilities under the following conditions:

- 1) No plumbing of any kind shall be connected to or discharged into the privy pit.
- 2) The privy shall be located at a minimum horizontal distance of 100 feet from the normal high water mark of a water body.
- 3) The bottom of the privy pit shall be at least two feet above bedrock and the ground water table at its highest point during the year or have a water tight vault.
- 4) Privies shall not be permitted on recent flood plain soils.

c. SETBACKS FOR SYSTEMS LARGER THAN 500 GALLONS

The minimum setback for underground sewage disposal facilities from the normal highwater mark of a water body shall be no less than 100 horizontal feet. Where daily sewage flow exceeds 500 gallons (no more than 5 bedrooms) the minimum setback shall be 150 feet. Where flow exceeds 700 gallons (8 bedrooms) the setback shall be 200 feet. For 2,000 gallons, the minimum setback shall be 300 feet from any shoreline. All other setback requirements of the State Plumbing Code shall be met in full. Setbacks from shorelines for all subsurface sewage disposal facilities shall not be reduced by variance.

d. OTHER SYSTEMS

Other systems of sanitary waste disposal may be permitted after approval by the Maine Department of Health and Welfare, and after a permit has been issued by the Planning Board.

11. ESSENTIAL SERVICES

- a. Where feasible, the installation of essential services shall be limited to existing public ways and existing service corridors.
- b. The installation of essential services is not permitted in a Resource Protection, except to provide services to a permitted use within said district, or except where the applicant demonstrates that no reasonable alternative exists. Where permitted, such structures and facilities shall be located so as to minimize any adverse impacts on surrounding uses and resources, including visual impacts.
- c. Companies providing phone and power services shall require presentation of a building permit prior to installation of these services, whether temporary or permanent.

12. MINERAL EXPLORATION AND EXTRACTION

Mineral exploration to determine the nature or extent of mineral resources shall be accomplished by hand sampling, test boring, or other methods which create minimal disturbance of less than one hundred (100) square feet of ground surface. A permit from the Planning Board shall be required for mineral exploration which exceeds the above limitations. All excavation, including test pits and holes shall be immediately capped, filled, or secured by other equally effective measures, so as to restore disturbed areas and to protect the public health and safety.

Mineral extraction may be permitted under the following conditions:

- a. A reclamation plan shall be filed with, and approved by the Planning Board before a permit is granted. Such plan shall describe in detail procedures to be undertaken to fulfill the requirements of paragraph d. below.
- b. Unless authorized pursuant to the Natural Resources Protection Act, Title 38. MRSA, Section 480-C no part of any extraction operation, including drainage and runoff control features shall be permitted within one hundred (100) feet of the normal high-water line of a great pond, and within seventy-five (75) feet of the normal high-water line of any other water body, tributary stream, or the upland edge of a wetland. Extraction operations shall not be permitted within seventy-five (75) feet of any property line, without written permission of the owner of such adjacent property.

- c. Developers of new gravel pits shall demonstrate that no reasonable mining site outside the shoreland zone exists. When gravel pits must be located within the zone, they shall be set back as far as practicable from the normal high-water line and no less than one hundred (100) feet and screened from the river by existing vegetation so as not to be visible from any water craft.
- d. Within twelve (12) months following the completion of extraction operations at any extraction site, which operations shall be deemed complete when less than one hundred (100) cubic yards of materials are removed in any consecutive twelve (12) month period, ground levels and grades shall be established in accordance with the following:
 - 1) All debris, stumps, and similar material shall be removed for disposal in an approved location, or shall be buried on-site. Only materials generated on-site may be buried or covered on-site.
 - 2) The final graded slope shall be two to one (2:1) slope or flatter.
 - 3) Top soil or loam shall be retained to cover all disturbed tend areas, which shall be reseeded and stabilized with vegetation native to the area. Additional topsoil or loam shall be obtained from off-site sources if necessary to complete the stabilization project.
- e. In keeping with the purposes of this Ordinance, the Planning Board may impose such conditions as are necessary to minimize the adverse impacts associated with mineral extraction operation on surrounding uses and resources.

13. AGRICULTURE

- a. All spreading or disposal of manure shall be accomplished in conformance with the Maine Guidelines for Manure and Manure Sludge Disposal on Land published by the University of Maine Soil and Water Conservation Commission in July, 1972.
- b. Manure shall not be stored or stockpiled within one hundred (100) feet, horizontal distance, of a great pond, or within seventy-five (75) feet horizontal distance, of other water bodies, tributary streams, or wetlands. Within five (5) years of the effective date of this ordinance all manure storage areas within the shoreland zone must be constructed or modified such that the facility produces no discharge of effluent or contaminated storm water. Existing facilities which do not meet the setback requirement may remain, but must meet the no discharge provision within the above five (5) year period.
- c. Agricultural activities involving tillage of soil greater than forty thousand (40,000) square feet in surface area, or the spreading, disposal, or storage of manure within the shoreland zone shall require a Soil and Water

Conservation Plan to be filed with the Planning Board. Non-conformance with the provisions of said plan shall be considered to be a violation of this Ordinance.

- d. There shall be no new tilling soil within one-hundred (100) feet, horizontal distance, of the normal high-water line of a great pond; within seventy-five (75) feet, horizontal distance, from other water bodies; nor within twenty-five (25) feet, horizontal distance, of tributary streams, and wetlands. Operations in existence on the effective date of this Ordinance and not in conformance with this provision may be maintained.
- e. After the effective date of this Ordinance, newly established livestock grazing areas shall not be permitted within one hundred (100) feet, horizontal distance, of the normal highwater line of a great pond; within seventy-five (75) feet, horizontal distance, of other water bodies, nor; within twenty-five (25) feet, horizontal distance, of tributary streams, and wetlands. Livestock grazing associated with ongoing farm activities, and which are not in conformance with the above setback provisions may continue, provided that such grazing is conducted in accordance with a Soil and Water Conservation Plan.

14. TIMBER HARVESTING

- a. Within the strip of land extending 75 feet inland from the normal high-water line in a shoreland area zoned for Resource Protection abutting a great pond there shall be no timber harvesting, except to remove safety hazards.
- b. Except in areas as described in Paragraph 2 above, timber harvesting shall conform with the following provisions:
 - 1) Selective cutting of no more than forty (40) percent of the total volume of trees four (4) inches or more in diameter measured at 4 1/2 feet above ground level on any lot in any ten (10) year period is permitted, In addition:
 - a) Within one-hundred (100) feet, horizontal distance of the normal high-water line of a great pond, and within seventy-five (75) feet, horizontal distance, of the normal high-water line of other water bodies, tributary streams, or the upland edge of a wetland, there shall be no clearcut openings and a well-distributed stand of trees and other vegetation, including existing ground cover, shall be maintained.
 - b) At distances greater than one-hundred (100) feet, horizontal distance, of a great pond, and greater than seventy-five (75) feet, horizontal distance, of the normal high-water line of other water bodies or the upland edge of a wetland, harvesting operations shall not create single clearcut openings greater than ten-thousand (10,000) square feet in the forest canopy. Where such openings exceed five thousand (5,000)

square feet they shall be at least one hundred (100) feet apart. Such clearcut openings shall be included in the calculation of total volume removal. For the purposes of these standards volume may be considered to be equivalent to basal area.

- 2) Timber harvesting operations exceeding the 40% limitation in paragraph a. above, may be allowed by the Planning Board upon a clear showing, including a forest management plan signed by a Maine licensed professional forester, that such an exception is necessary for good forest management and will be carried out in accordance with the purposes of this Ordinance. The Planning Board shall notify the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection of each exception allowed, within fourteen (14) days of the Planning Board's decision.
- 3) No accumulation of slash shall be left within fifty (50) feet of the normal highwater line of a water body. In all other areas slash shall either be removed or disposed of in such a manner that it lies on the ground and no part thereof extends more than four (4) feet above the ground. Any debris that falls below the normal high-water line of a water body shall be removed,
- 4) Timber harvesting equipment shall not use stream channels as travel routes except when:
 - i. Surface waters are frozen; and
 - ii. The activity will not result in any ground disturbance.
- 5) All crossings of flowing water shall require a bridge or culvert, except in areas with low banks and channel beds which are composed of gravel, rock, or similar hard surface which would not be eroded or otherwise damaged.
- 6) Skid trail approaches to water crossings shall be located and designed so as to prevent water runoff from directly entering the water body or tributary stream. Upon completion of timber harvesting, temporary bridges, and culverts shall be removed and areas of exposed soil revegetated.
- 7) Except for water crossings, skid trails, and other sites where the operation of machinery used in timber harvesting results in the exposure of mineral soil shall be located such that an unscarified strip of vegetation of at least seventy-five (75) feet in width for slopes up to ten (10) percent shall be retained between the exposed mineral soil and the normal high-water line of a water body or upland edge of a wetland. For each ten (10) percent increase in slope, the unscarified strip shall be increased by twenty (20) feet. The provisions of this paragraph apply

only to a face sloping toward the water body or wetland, provided, however, that no portion of such exposed mineral soil on a back face shall be closer than twenty five (25) feet from the normal high-water line of a water body or upland edge of a wetland.

15. CLEARING OF VEGETATION FOR DEVELOPMENT

- a. Within a shoreland area zoned for Resource Protection abutting a great pond, there shall be no cutting of vegetation within the strip of land extending, 75 feet, horizontal distance, inland from the normal high-water line, except to remove safety hazards.

Elsewhere, in any Resource Protection District the clearing of vegetation shall be limited to that which is necessary for uses expressly authorized in that district.

- b. Except in areas as described in Paragraph 1, above, and except to allow for the development of permitted uses, within a strip of land extending one-hundred (100) feet, horizontal distance, inland from the normal high-water line of a great pond, and seventy-five (75) feet, horizontal distance, from any other water body, tributary stream, or the upland edge of a wetland, a buffer strip of vegetation shall be preserved as follows:

1) There shall be no cleared opening greater than 250 square feet in the forest canopy as measured from the outer limits of the tree crown. However, a footpath not to exceed ten (10) feet in width as measured between tree trunks is permitted provided that a cleared line of sight to the water through the buffer strip is not created. Adjacent to a great pond, the width of the foot path shall be limited to six (6) feet.

2) Selective cutting of trees within the buffer strip is permitted provided that a well distributed stand of trees and other vegetation is maintained. For the purposes of this section a "well-distributed stand of trees and other vegetation" adjacent to a great pond, shall be defined as maintaining a rating score of 12 or more in any 25-foot by 25-foot square (625 square feet) area as determined by the following rating system:

Diameter of Tree at 4-1/2 feet Above Ground Level (inches)	Points
2 – 4 inches	1
> 4 - 12 inches	2
> 12 inches	4

Adjacent to other water bodies, tributary streams, and wetlands, a 'well-distributed stand of trees and other vegetation' is defined as maintaining a minimum rating score of 8 per 25-foot square area.

Notwithstanding the above provisions, no more than 40% of the total volume of trees four (4) inches or more in diameter, measured at 4 1/2 feet above ground level may be removed in any ten (10) year period.

- 3) In order to protect water quality and wildlife habitat, adjacent to great ponds and streams and rivers which flow to great ponds existing vegetation under three (3) feet in height and other ground cover shall not be removed, except to provide for a footpath or other permitted uses as described in paragraphs 2 and 2a. above.
- 4) Pruning of tree branches, on the bottom 1/3 of the tree is permitted.
- 5) In order to maintain a buffer strip of vegetation, when the removal of storm-damaged, diseased, unsafe, or dead trees results in the creation of cleared openings, these openings shall be replanted with native tree species unless existing new tree growth is present.

The provisions contained in paragraph 2 above shall not apply to those portions of public recreational facilities adjacent to public swimming areas. Cleared areas, however, shall be limited to the minimum area necessary.

- c. At distances greater than one hundred (100) feet, horizontal distance, from a great pond and seventy-five (75) feet, horizontal distance, from the normal high-water line of any other water body, tributary stream, or the upland edge of a wetland, except to allow for the development of permitted uses, there shall be permitted on any lot, in any ten (10) year period, selective cutting of not more than forty (40) percent of the volume of trees four (4) inches or more in diameter, measured 4 1/2 feet above ground level. Tree removal in conjunction with the development of permitted uses shall be included in the forty (40) percent calculation. For the purposes of these standards volume may be considered to be equivalent to basal area.

In no event shall cleared openings for development, including but not limited to, principal and accessory structures, driveways, and sewage disposal areas, exceed in the aggregate, 25% of the lot area or ten thousand (10,000) square feet, whichever is greater, including land previously developed.

- d. Cleared openings legally in existence on the effective date of this Ordinance may be maintained, but shall not be enlarged, except as permitted by this Ordinance.
- e. Fields which have reverted to primarily shrubs, trees, or other woody vegetation shall be regulated under the provisions of this section.

16. EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL

- a. All activities which involve filling, grading, excavation or other similar activities which result in unstabilized soil conditions and which require a permit shall require a written soil erosion and sedimentation control plan. The plan shall be submitted to the permitting authority for approval and shall include, where applicable, provisions for:
 - 1) Mulching and revegetation of disturbed soil.
 - 2) Temporary runoff control features such as hay bales, silt fencing or diversion ditches.
 - 3) Permanent stabilization structures such as retaining walls or riprap.
- b. In order to create the least potential for erosion, development shall be designed to fit with the topography and soils of the site. Areas of steep slopes where high cuts and fills may be required shall be avoided wherever possible, and natural contours shall be followed as closely as possible.
- c. Erosion and sedimentation control measures shall apply to all aspects of the proposed project involving land disturbance, and shall be in operation during all stages of the activity. The amount of exposed soil at every phase of construction shall be minimized to reduce the potential for erosion.
- d. Any exposed ground area shall be temporarily or permanently stabilized within one (1) week from the time it was last actively worked, by use of riprap, sod, seed, and mulch, or other effective measures. In all cases permanent stabilization shall occur within nine (9) months of the initial date of exposure. In addition:
 - 1) Where mulch is used, it shall be applied at a rate of at least one (1) bale per five hundred (500) square feet and shall be maintained until a catch of vegetation is established.
 - 2) Anchoring the mulch with netting, peg, and twine or other suitable method may be required to maintain the mulch cover.
 - 3) Additional measures shall be taken where necessary in order to avoid siltation into the water. Such measures may include the use of staked hay bales and/or silt fences.

Natural and man-made drainage ways and drainage outlets shall be protected from erosion from water flowing through them. Drainage ways shall be designed and constructed in order to carry water from a twenty five (25) year storm or greater, and shall be stabilized with vegetation or lined with rip-rap.

17. SOILS

All land uses shall be located on soils in or upon which the proposed uses or structures can be established or maintained without causing adverse environmental impacts, including severe erosion, mass soil movement, improper drainage, and water pollution, whether during or after construction. Proposed uses requiring subsurface waste disposal, and commercial or industrial development and other similar intensive land uses, shall require a soils report based on an on-site investigation na be prepared by a state-certified professionals. Certified persons may include Maine Certified Soil Scientists, Maine Registered Professional Engineers, and other persons who have training and experience in the recognition and evaluation of soil properties. The report shall be based upon the analysis of the characteristics of the soil and surrounding land and water areas, maximum ground water elevation, presence of ledge, drainage conditions, and other pertinent data which the evaluator deems appropriate. The soils report shall include recommendations for a proposed use to counteract soil limitations where they exist.

18. WATER QUALITY

No activity shall deposit on or into the ground or discharge to the waters of the State and pollutant that, by itself or in combination with other activities or substances will impair designated uses or the water classification of the water body.

19. ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES

Any proposed land use activity involving structural development or soil disturbance on adjacent to sites listed on, or eligible to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places, as determined by the permitting authority shall be submitted by the applicant to the Maine Historic Preservation Commission for review and comment, at least twenty (20) days prior to action being taken by the permitting authority. The permitting authority shall consider comments received from the Commission prior to rendering a decision on the application.

20. LAND NOT SUITABLE FOR DEVELOPMENT

The following lands shall not be included in the calculations of lot area for the purpose of meeting the requirements of the minimum lot size for the zone in which the development is located:

- a. Land which is situated below the normal high water mark of any water body;
- b. Land which is located within the one hundred (100) year frequency flood plain as identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency or the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Flood Insurance Administration, unless the applicant shows proof through the submittal of

materials prepared by a Registered Land Surveyor which show that the property in question lies at least one (1) foot above the one hundred (100) year flood level. The elevation of filled or made land shall not be considered;

- c. Land which is part of a right-of-way, or easement, including utility easements;
- d. Land that has been created by filling or draining a pond or wetland;
- e. Land that is located within a Resource Protection Zoning Classification;
- f. Land consisting of Recent Flood Plain Soil;
- g. Any area with sustained slopes of 20% or greater; and
- h. Land defined herein as a freshwater wetland.

21. USES PROHIBITED ADJACENT TO SIGNIFICANT SAND AND GRAVEL AQUIFERS

The following uses are prohibited directly over and with two hundred and fifty feet (250') of the boundaries of identified significant sand and gravel aquifers:

- a. Subsurface storage of petroleum and other refined petroleum products with the exception of household heating oil where the underground storage tank is in full compliance with current DEP regulations.
- b. Petroleum storage for commercial or industrial use.
- c. Engineered subsurface waste disposal systems as defined herein.
- d. Multi-family dwellings.
- e. Industrial uses, except those permitted as home occupations as in subsection 23 of this Section.
- f. Salt-sand and road salt storage and loading area.
- g. Dumping of snow containing deicing chemicals.
- h. Junkyards.
- i. Sanitary landfills or demolition/stump dumps.
- j. Commercial animal feedlots.
- k. Metal plating.
- l. Commercial furniture stripping.
- m. Dry cleaning establishments.
- n. Commercial motor vehicle repair or service.
- o. Non-residential pipelines for transmission of oil, gas, or hazardous materials.
- p. Spray irrigation of sewage.
- q. Any other use that involves the manufacture, storage, use, transportation or disposal of toxic or hazardous materials.

22. REQUIRED ROADSIDE BUFFERS IN THE ROADSIDE RURAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT

No building shall be erected or any development permitted in the Roadside Rural Residential District unless a vegetated buffer fifty feet (50') in width, exclusive of clearings necessary for vehicular access, is maintained.

Where natural vegetation is considered insufficient to visually screen adjacent buildings and uses from the traveling public, vegetation of appropriate height and species shall be planted and maintained.

23. HOME OCCUPATIONS

a. The purpose of the Home Occupation provision is to permit the conduct of those businesses which are compatible with the Zones in which they are allowed. Home occupations are limited to those uses which may be conducted within or adjacent to a residential dwelling without substantially changing the appearance or condition of the residence or accessory structures.

- 1) Home occupations shall be carried out wholly within a dwelling unit or accessory structure to a dwelling unit;
- 2) No more than two persons other than the household residing in the dwelling unit shall be employed on-site in a home occupation;
- 3) Home occupations shall be clearly incidental and secondary to the use of a dwelling unit (or building accessory thereto) for residential purposes;
- 4) In connection with a home occupation there shall be no visible exterior signs other than permitted by sub-section B.8. of this Section, no visible exterior storage of materials from adjoining properties or roadways and no other exterior indication of the home occupation or variance from the residential character of the premises;
- 5) A home occupation shall not create noise, dust, vibration, odor, smoke, glare, electrical interference, fire hazard, or any other hazard or nuisance to any greater degree or more frequent extent than that normally experienced in an average residential building in the zone in which located.
- 6) No goods, merchandise, or products shall be sold upon the premises, other than those totally or partially produced, and or repaired, on the premises; and
- 7) Home occupations providing (for a fee) professional, educational and/or personal services to groups of persons on the premises shall be limited to serving no more than four (4) persons at any one time, and to the generation of no more than four (4) additional non-resident household vehicles on-site at any one time.

SECTION XV: ADMINISTRATION

A. ADMINISTERING BODIES AND AGENTS.

1. Code Enforcement Officer

A Code Enforcement Officer shall be appointed or reappointed annually by July 1st.

2. Board of Appeals

A Board of Appeals shall be created in accordance with the provisions of Title 30-A Section 2691.

3. Planning Board

A Planning Board shall be created in accordance with the provisions of State Law.

B. PERMITS REQUIRED

After the effective date of this Ordinance no person shall, without first obtaining a permit, engage in any use of land or structure requiring a permit in the district in which it would occur; or expand, change, or replace an existing use or structure; or renew a discontinued nonconforming use.

A permit is not required for the replacement of an existing road culvert as long as:

1. The replacement culvert is not more than one standard culvert size wider in diameter than the culvert being replaced;
2. The replacement culvert is not more than 25% longer than the culvert being replaced;
3. The replacement culvert is not longer than 75 feet; and
4. Adequate erosion control measures are taken to prevent sedimentation of the water and that the crossing does not block fish passage in the water course.

C. PERMIT APPLICATION

1. Every applicant for a permit shall submit a written application, including a scaled site plan, on a form provided.
2. All applications shall be signed by the owner or owners of the property or other person authorizing the work, certifying that the information in the application is complete and correct. If the person signing the application is not the owner or lessee of the property then that person shall submit a *letter of authorization* from the owner or lessee.
3. All applications shall be dated, and the Planning Board, shall note upon each application the date and time of its receipt.
4. A valid plumbing permit or a completed application for a plumbing permit, including the site evaluation approved by the Plumbing Inspector, shall be submitted whenever the nature of the proposed structure would require the

installation of a subsurface sewage disposal system

D. PROCEDURE FOR ADMINISTERING PERMITS

Within 35 days of the date of receiving a written application, the Planning Board shall notify the applicant in writing either that the application is a complete application, or, if the application is incomplete, that specified additional material is needed to make the application complete. The Planning Board shall approve, approve with conditions, or deny all permit applications in writing within 35 days of receiving a completed application. However, if the Planning Board has a waiting list of applications, a decision on the application shall occur within 35 days after the first available date on the Planning Board's agenda following receipt of the completed application, or within 35 days of the public hearing, if one is held. Permits shall be approved if the proposed use or structure is found to be in conformance with the purposes and provisions of this Ordinance.

The applicant shall have the burden of proving that the proposed land use activity is in conformity with the purposes and provisions of this Ordinance.

After the submission of a complete application to the Planning Board, the Board shall approve an application or approve it with conditions if it makes a positive finding based on the information presented that the proposed use:

1. Will maintain safe and healthful conditions;
2. Will not result in water pollution, erosion, or sedimentation to surface waters;
3. Will adequately provide for the disposal of all wastewater;
4. Will not have an adverse impact on spawning grounds, fish, aquatic life, bird or other wildlife habitat;
5. Will conserve shore cover and visual, as well as actual, points of access to inland waters;
6. Will protect archaeological and historic resources as designated in the comprehensive plan;
7. Will avoid problems associated with flood plain development and use; and
8. Is in conformance with the provisions of Section XIV, Land Use Standards and other municipal land use ordinances.

If a permit is either denied or approved with conditions, the reasons as well as conditions shall be stated in writing. No approval shall be granted for an application involving a structure if the structure would be located in an unapproved subdivision or would violate any other local ordinance or regulation or any State law which the municipality is responsible for enforcing.

E. EXPIRATION OF PERMIT

Following the issuance of a permit, if no substantial start is made in

construction or in the use of the property within one year of the date of the permit, the permit shall lapse and become void, unless an extension has been applied for and has been granted by the Planning Board.

F. INSTALLATION OF PUBLIC UTILITY SERVICE

No public utility, water district, sanitary district or any utility company of any kind may install services to any new structure unless written authorization attesting to the validity and currency of all local permits required under this or any previous Ordinance, has been issued by the appropriate municipal officials. Following installation of service, the company or district shall forward the written authorization of the municipal officials, indicating that installation has been completed.

G. APPEALS

1. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS

The Board of Appeals shall have the following powers:

- a. **ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS:** To hear and decide appeals where it is alleged that there is an error in any order, requirement, decision, or determination made by, or failure to act by, the Code Enforcement Officer or Planning Board in the administration of this Ordinance.
- b. **VARIANCE APPEALS:** To authorize variances upon appeal, within the limitations set forth in this Ordinance.

2. Variance Appeals

Variances may be permitted only under the following conditions:

- a. Variances may be granted only from dimensional requirements including by not limited to, lot width, structure height, percent of lot coverage, and setback requirements.
- b. Variances shall not be granted for establishment of any uses otherwise prohibited by this Ordinance.
- c. The Board shall not grant a variance unless it finds that:
 - 1) The proposed structure or use would meet the provisions of Section XIV except for the specific provision which has created the non-conformity and from which relief is sought; and
 - 2) The strict application of the terms of this Ordinance would result in undue hardship.

The term "undue hardship" shall mean:

- i) That the land in question cannot yield a reasonable return unless a variance is granted;
 - ii) That the need for a variance is due to the unique circumstances of the property and not to the general conditions in the neighborhood;
 - iii) That the granting of a variance will not alter the essential character of the locality; and
 - iv) That the hardship is not the result of action taken by the applicant or a prior owner.
- d. The Board of Appeals may grant a variance to a property owner for the purpose of making that property accessible to a person with a disability who is living on the property. The Board shall restrict any variance granted under this subsection solely to the installation of equipment or the construction of structures necessary for access to or egress from the property by the person with the disability. The Board may impose conditions on the variance, including limiting the variance to the duration of the disability or to the time that the person with the disability lives on the property. The term "structures necessary for access to or egress from the property" shall include railing, wall or roof systems necessary for the safety or effectiveness of the structure.
- e. The Board of Appeals shall limit any variances granted as strictly as possible in order to insure conformance with the purposes and provisions of this Ordinance to the greatest extent possible, and in doing so may impose such conditions to a variance as it deems necessary. The party receiving the variance shall comply with any conditions imposed.
- f. A copy of all variances granted by the Board of Appeals, for variance request for activities located wholly or in part within the Shoreland Area, shall be submitted to the Department of Environmental Protection within fourteen (14) days of the decision.

3. APPEAL PROCEDURE

a. MAKING AN APPEAL

- 1) An administrative or variance appeal may be taken to the Board of Appeals by an aggrieved party from any decision of the Code Enforcement Officer or the Planning Board. Such appeal shall be taken within thirty (30) days of the date of the decision appealed from and not otherwise, except that the Board, upon a showing of good cause, may

waive (30) day requirement.

- 2) Such appeals shall be made by filing with the Board of Appeals a written notice of appeal which includes:
 - i) A concise written statement indicating what relief is requested and why it should be granted.
 - ii) A sketch drawn to scale showing lot lines, location of existing buildings and structures and other physical features of the lot pertinent to the relief sought.
- 3) Upon being notified of an appeal, the Planning Board, as appropriate, shall transmit to the Board of Appeals all of the papers constituting the record of the decision appealed from.
- 4) The Board of Appeals shall hold a public hearing on the appeal within thirty-five (35) days of its receipt of an appeal request.

b. DECISION BY BOARD OF APPEALS

- 1) A majority of the board shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of deciding an appeal. A member who abstains shall not be counted in determining whether a quorum exists. The concurring vote of a majority of the members of the Board of Appeals present and voting shall be necessary to reverse an order, requirement, decision, or determination of the Code Enforcement Officer or Planning Board, or to decide in favor of the applicant on any matter on which it is required to decide under this Ordinance, or to affect any variation in the application of this Ordinance from its stated terms. The board may reverse the decision, or failure to act, of the Code Enforcement Officer or Planning Board only upon a finding that the decision, or failure to act, was clearly contrary to specific provisions of this Ordinance.
- 2) The person filing the appeal shall have the burden of proof.
- 3) The Board shall decide all appeals within thirty-five (35) days after the close of the hearing, and shall issue a written decision on all appeals.
- 4) All decisions shall become a part of the record and shall include a statement of findings and conclusions as well as the reasons or basis therefore, and the appropriate order, relief or denial thereof.

4. APPEAL TO SUPERIOR COURT

Any aggrieved party who participated as party during the proceedings before the Board of Appeals may take an appeal to Superior Court in accordance with State laws within forty-five (45) days from the date of any decision of

the Board of Appeals.

5. RECONSIDERATION

The Board of Appeals may reconsider any decision within thirty (30) days of its prior decision. The Board may conduct additional hearings and receive additional evidence and testimony.

H. ENFORCEMENT

1. NUISANCES

Any violation of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be a nuisance.

2. CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

- a. It shall be the duty of the Code Enforcement Officer, or in the absence of an officially hired state certified Code Enforcement Officer, the Selectmen, to enforce the provisions of this Ordinance. If the Code Enforcement Officer shall find that any provision of this Ordinance is being violated, he or she shall notify in writing the person responsible for such violation, indicating the nature of the violation and ordering the action necessary to correct it, including discontinuance of illegal use of land, buildings, or structures, or work being done, removal of illegal buildings or structures, and abatement of nuisance conditions. A copy of such notices shall be submitted to the municipal officers and be maintained as a permanent record.
- b. The Code Enforcement Officer shall conduct on-site inspections to insure compliance with all applicable laws and conditions attached to permit approvals. The Code Enforcement Officer shall also investigate all complaints of alleged violations of this Ordinance.
- c. The Code Enforcement Officer shall keep a complete record of all essential transactions of the office, including applications submitted, permits granted or denied, variances granted or denied, revocation actions, revocation of permits, appeals, court actions, violations investigated, violations found, and fees collected. On an a biennial basis, a summary of the activities in the record which are located wholly or in part within the Shoreland Area, shall be submitted to the Director of the Bureau of Land Quality Control within the Department of Environmental Protection.

3. LEGAL ACTION

When the above action does not result in the correction or abatement of the violation or nuisance condition, the Municipal Officers, upon notice from the Code Enforcement Officer, are hereby directed to institute any and all actions

and proceedings, either legal or equitable, including seeking injunctions of violations and the imposition of fines, that may be appropriate or necessary to enforce the provisions of this Ordinance in the name of the municipality. The municipal officers, or their authorized agent, are hereby authorized to enter into administrative consent agreements for the purpose of eliminating violations of this Ordinance and recovering fines without Court Action. Such agreements shall not allow an illegal structure or use to continue unless there is clear and convincing evidence that the illegal structure or use was constructed or conducted as a direct result of erroneous advice given by an authorized municipal official and there is no evidence that the owner acted in bad faith, or unless the removal of the structure of use will result in a threat or hazard to public health and safety or will result in substantial environmental damage.

4. FINES

Any person, including but not limited to a landowner, a landowner's agent or a contractor, who orders or conducts any activity in violation of this Ordinance shall be penalized in accordance with Title 30-A, Maine Revised Statutes Annotated, Subsection 4452.

SECTION XVI: SCHEDULE OF FEES

The fees for permits applied for pursuant to this Ordinance shall be as follows:

A. APPLICATION PACKET FEE

The following fees shall be required to cover the printing and handling costs of the application form and copies of this Ordinance:

1. Copies of Application: A non-refundable fee of \$2.00.
2. Copies of Ordinance: A non-refundable fee of \$10.00 per copy.

B. LAND USE PERMITS

The fee to accompany an application for a Land Use Permit shall be as follows:

1. For permits involving the construction of new buildings or the renovation or addition to existing buildings, the fee shall be \$1.00 per \$1,000.00 of estimated construction costs, based on the same method used by the assessors for tax assessment purposes, with a minimum of \$15.00.
2. For permits involving activities not including the construction of new buildings or the renovation or the addition to existing buildings, the fee shall be \$15.00.

C. TEMPORARY DOCKS AND PIERS

The fee to accompany an application for a permit for new temporary docks and piers shall be \$5.00 and shall be collected only once at the time of initial application for a permit.

D. LATE FILING FEE

An additional \$250.00 late filing fee shall accompany all permit applications which are filed after an activity has been started or engaged without first obtaining the required permit from the proper authority.

E. TECHNICAL REVIEW FEE

In addition to the fees for copies of the Application form and Ordinance, and the Application processing fee, the applicant may be required to pay a

separate fee, as follows:

1. Land use permits for construction of 2,000 square feet or more: \$100.00 per each 1,000 square feet of building footprint, including unvegetated areas, involved.
2. Any other permit: \$200.00.

This technical review fee is to be used by the Planning Board for the hiring of independent consulting services to review the application.

This fee shall be paid prior to the start of Planning Board review and shall be in the form of a check made payable to the Town of Eastbrook and the purpose of the fee shall be clearly indicated on the check. The Town shall deposit the check in a special bank account which is separate and distinct from all other Town accounts.

If the balance in the account is drawn down by 50% or more, the Board shall notify the applicant and require that an amount necessary to maintain the original balance be submitted for deposit. The balance shall continue to be maintained in this manner.

Any balance in the account remaining after the completion and inspection of the approved project, shall be returned to the applicant, including interest.

SECTION XVII: DEFINITIONS

A. Terms not defined herein shall have the customary dictionary meaning. As used in this Ordinance, the following definitions shall apply:

1. **Accessory structure or use** - a use or structure which is incidental and subordinate to the principal use or structure. Accessory uses, when aggregated shall not subordinate the principal use of the lot. A deck or similar extension of the principal structure or a garage attached to the principal structure by a roof or a common wall is considered part of the principal structure.
2. **Agriculture** - the production, keeping or maintenance for sale or lease, of plants and/or animals, including but not limited to: forages and sod crops; grains and seed crops; dairy animals and dairy products; poultry and poultry products; livestock; fruits and vegetables; and ornamental and green house products. Agriculture does not include forest management and timber harvesting activities.
3. **Aggrieved party** - an owner of land whose property is directly or indirectly affected by the granting or denial of a permit or variance under this Ordinance; a person whose land abuts land for which a permit or variance has been granted; or any other person or group of persons who have suffered particularized injury as a result of the granting or denial of such permit or variance.
4. **Aquaculture** - the growing or propagation of harvestable freshwater plant or animal species.
5. **Basal area** - the area of cross-section of a tree stem at 4 1 /2 feet above ground level and inclusive of bark.
6. **Boat launching facility** - a facility designed primarily for the launching and landing of watercraft, and which may include an access ramp, docking area, and parking spaces for vehicles and trailers.
7. **Campground** - any area or tract of land to accommodate two (2) or more parties in temporary living quarters, including, but not limited to tents, recreational vehicles or other shelters.
8. **Commercial use** - the use of lands, buildings, or structures, other than a "home occupation," defined below, the intent and result of which activity is the production of income from the buying and selling of goods and/or services, exclusive of rental of residential buildings and/or dwelling units.
9. **Dimensional requirements** - numerical standards relating to spatial relationships including but not limited to setback, lot area, shore frontage and height.

10. **Disability** - any disability, infirmity, malformation, disfigurement, congenital defect or mental condition caused by bodily injury, accident, disease, birth defect, environmental conditions or illness; and also includes the physical or mental condition of a person which constitutes a substantial handicap as determined by a physician or in the case of mental handicap, by a psychiatrist or psychologist, as well as any other health or sensory impairment which requires special education, vocational rehabilitation or related services.
11. **Driveway** - a vehicular access-way less than five hundred (500) feet in length serving two lots or less.
12. **Emergency operations** - operations conducted for the public health, safety, or general welfare, such as protection of resources from immediate destruction or loss, law enforcement, and operations to rescue human beings, property and livestock from the threat of destruction or injury.
13. **Essential services** - gas, electrical, or communication facilities; steam, fuel, electric power, or water transmission or distribution lines, towers and related equipment; telephone cables or lines, poles and related equipment; gas, oil, water, slurry, or other similar pipelines; municipal sewage lines, collection or supply systems; and associated storage tanks. Such systems may include towers, poles, wires, mains, drains, pipes, conduits, cables, fire alarms and police call boxes, traffic signals, hydrants and similar accessories, but shall not include service drops or buildings which are necessary for the furnishing of such services.
14. **Expansion of a structure** - an increase in the floor area or volume of a structure, including all extensions such as, but not limited to attached: decks, garages, porches, and greenhouses.
15. **Expansion of use** - the addition of one or more months to a use's operating season; or the use of more floor area or ground area devoted to a particular use.
16. **Family** - one or more persons occupying a premises and living as a single housekeeping unit.
17. **Floor area** - the sum of the horizontal areas of the floor(s) of a structure enclosed by exterior walls, plus the horizontal area of any unenclosed portions of a structure such as porches and decks.

18. **Forest management activities** - timber cruising and other forest resource evaluation activities, pesticide or fertilizer application, management planning activities, timber stand improvement, pruning, regeneration of forest stands and other similar or associated activities, exclusive of timber harvesting and the construction, creation or maintenance of roads.
19. **Forested wetland** - a freshwater wetland dominated by woody vegetation that is six {6} meters tall or taller.
20. **Foundation** - the supporting substructure of a building or other structure including but not limited to basements, slabs, sills, posts, or frostwalls.
21. **Freshwater wetland** - freshwater swamps, marshes, bogs, and similar areas, excluding forested wetlands, which are:
 1. Of ten or more contiguous acres; or of less than 10 contiguous acres and adjacent to a surface water body, excluding any river, stream, or brook such that in a natural state, the combined surface area is in excess of 10 acres; and
 2. Inundated or saturated by surface or ground water at a frequency and for a duration sufficient to support, and which under normal circumstances do support, a prevalence of wetland vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soils.

Freshwater wetlands may contain small stream channels or inclusions of land that do not conform to the criteria of this definition.
22. **Great Pond** - any inland body of water which in a natural state has a surface area in excess of ten acres, and any inland body of water artificially formed or increased which has a surface area in excess of thirty (30) acres except for the purposes of this Ordinance, where the artificially formed or increased inland body of water is completely surrounded by land held by a single owner.
23. **Great Pond classified GPA** - any great pond classified GPA, pursuant to Title 38 Article 4-A Section 465-A. This classification includes some, but not all impoundments of rivers that are defined as great ponds.
24. **Height of a structure** - the vertical distance between the mean original grade at the downhill side of the structure and the highest point of the structure, excluding chimneys, steeples, antennas, and similar appurtenances which have no floor area.
25. **Home occupation** - an occupation or profession which is customarily conducted on or in a residential structure or property and which is 1) clearly incidental to and compatible with the residential use of the property and surrounding residential uses; and 2) which employs no more than two (2)

persons other than family members residing in the home.

26. **Individual private campsite** - an area of land which is not associated with a campground, but which is developed for repeated camping by only one group not to exceed ten (10) individuals and which involves site improvements which may include but not be limited to gravel pads, parking areas, fire place, or tent platforms.
27. **Industrial** - the assembling, fabrication, finishing, manufacturing, packaging or processing of good, or the extraction of minerals.
28. **Lot area** - the area of land enclosed within the boundary lines of a lot, minus land below the normal high-water line of a water body or upland edge of a wetland and areas beneath roads serving more than two (2) lots.
29. **Marina** - a business establishment having frontage on navigable water and, as its principal use, providing for hire offshore moorings or docking facilities for boats, and which may also provide accessory services such as boat and related sales, boat repair and construction, indoor and outdoor storage of boats and marine equipment, boat and tackle shops and marine fuel service facilities.
30. **Market value** - the estimated price a property will bring in the open market and under prevailing market conditions in a sale between a willing seller and a willing buyer, both conversant with the property and with prevailing general price levels.
31. **Minimum lot width** - the closest distance between the side lot lines of a lot.
32. **Mineral exploration** - hand sampling, test boring, or other methods of determining the nature or extent of mineral resources which create minimal disturbance to the land and which include reasonable measures to restore the land to its original condition.
33. **Mineral extraction** - any operation within any twelve (12) month period which removes more than one hundred {100} cubic yards of soil, topsoil, loam, sand, gravel, clay, rock, peat, or other like material from its natural location and to transport the product removed, away from the extraction site.
34. **Multi-unit residential** - a residential structure containing three (3) or more residential dwelling units.
35. **Non-conforming lot** - a single lot of record which, at the effective date of adoption or amendment of this Ordinance, does not meet the area, frontage, or width requirements of the district in which it is located.
36. **Non-conforming structure** - a structure which does not meet any one or more of the following dimensional requirements; setback, height, or lot coverage, but which is allowed solely because it was in lawful existence at

the time this Ordinance or subsequent amendments took effect.

- 37. **Non-conforming use** - use of buildings, structures, premises, land or parts thereof which is not permitted in the district in which it is situated, but which is allowed to remain solely because it was in lawful existence at the time this Ordinance or subsequent amendments took affect.
- 38. **Normal high-water line** - that line which is apparent from visible markings, changes in the character of soils due to prolonged action of the water or changes in vegetation, and which distinguishes between predominantly aquatic and predominantly terrestrial land. In the case of wetlands adjacent to rivers and great ponds, the normal highwater line is the upland edge of the wetland, and not the edge of the open water.
- 39. **Person** - an individual, corporation, governmental agency, municipality, trust, estate, partnership association, two or more individuals having a joint or common interest, or other legal entity.
- 40. **Piers, docks, wharfs, bridges, and other structures and uses extending over or beyond the normal high-water line or within a wetland -**
 - Temporary: Structures which remain in or over the water for less than seven (7) months in any period of twelve (12) consecutive months.
 - Permanent: Structures which remain in or over the water for seven (7) months or more in any period of twelve (12) consecutive months.
- 41. **Principal structure** - a building other than one which is used for purposes wholly incidental or accessory to the use of another building or use on the same premises.
- 42. **Principal use** - a use other than one which is wholly incidental or accessory to another use on the same premises.
- 43. **Public facility** - any facility, including, but not limited to, buildings, property, recreation areas, and roads, which are owned, leased, or otherwise operated, or funded by a governmental body or public entity.
- 44. **Recent flood plain soils** - the following soil series as described and identified by the National Cooperative Soil Survey:

Alluvial	Cornish	Charles
Fryeburg	Hadley	Limerick
Lovewell	Medomak	Ondawa
Podunk	Rumney	Saco
Suncook	Sunday	Winooski

45. **Recreational facility** - a place designed and equipped for the conduct of sports, leisure time activities, and other customary and usual recreation activities, excluding boat launching facilities.
46. **Recreational vehicle** - a vehicle or an attachment to a vehicle designed to be towed, and designed for temporary sleeping or living quarters for one or more persons, and which may include a pick-up camper, travel trailer, tent trailer, camp trailer, and motor home. In order to be considered as a vehicle and not as a structure, the unit must remain with its tires on the ground, and must be registered with the State Division of Motor Vehicles.
47. **Replacement system** - a system intended to replace 1) an existing system which is either malfunctioning or being upgraded with no significant change of design flow or use of the structure, or 2) any existing overboard wastewater discharge.
48. **Residential dwelling unit** - a room or group of rooms designed and equipped exclusively for use as permanent, seasonal, or temporary living quarters for only one family. The term shall include mobile homes, but not recreational vehicles.
49. **Residual basal area** - the sum of the basal area of trees remaining on a harvested site.
50. **Riprap** - rocks, irregularly shaped, and at least six (6) inches in diameter, used for erosion control and soil stabilization, typically used on ground slopes of two (2) units horizontal to one (1) unit vertical or less.
51. **River** - a free-flowing body of water including its associated flood plain wetlands from that point at which it provides drainage for a watershed of twenty five (25) square miles to its mouth.
52. **Road** - a route or track consisting of a bed of exposed mineral soil, gravel, asphalt, or other surfacing material constructed for or created by the repeated passage of motorized vehicles.
53. **Service drop** - any utility line extension which does not cross or run beneath any portion of a water body provided that:
 - a. in the case of electric service
 - 1) the placement of wires and/or the installation of utility poles is located entirely upon a roadway right-of-way; and
 - 2) the total length of the extension is less than one thousand (1,000)

feet.

- b. in the case of telephone service
 - 1) the extension, regardless of length, will be made by the installation of telephone wires to existing utility poles; or
 - 2) the extension requiring the installation of new utility poles or placement underground is less than one thousand (1,000) feet in length.
- 54. **Setback** - the nearest horizontal distance from the normal high-water line to the nearest part of a structure, road, parking space, or other regulated object or area.
- 55. **Shore frontage** - the length of a lot bordering on a water body measured in a straight line between the intersections of the lot lines with the shoreline at normal high-water elevation.
- 56. **Shoreland area** - the land area located within two hundred and fifty (250) feet, horizontal distance, of the normal high-water line of any great pond, or river within two hundred (250) feet of the upland edge of a freshwater wetland; or within seventy-five (75) feet of the normal high-water line of a stream.
- 57. **Significant River Segments** - See Title 38, MRSA, Section 437.
- 58. **Stream** - a free-flowing body of water from the outlet of a great pond or the confluence of two (2) perennial streams as depicted on the most recent edition of a United States Geological Survey 7.5 minute series topographic map, or if not available, a 15-minute series topographic map, to the point where the body of water becomes a river or flows to another waterbody or wetland within the shoreland area.
- 59. **Structure** - anything built for the support, shelter or enclosure of person, animals, goods, or property of any kind, together with anything constructed or erected with a fixed location on or in the ground, exclusive of fences. The term includes structures temporarily or permanently located, such as decks and satellite dishes.
- 60. **Substantial start** - completion of thirty (30) percent of a permitted structure or use measured as a percentage of estimated total cost.
- 61. **Subsurface sewage disposal system** - a collection of treatment tank(s), disposal area(s), holding tank(s) and pond(s), surface spray system(s), cesspool(s), well(s), surface ditch(es), alternative toilet(s), or other devices and associated piping designed to function as a unit for the purpose of disposing of wastes or wastewater on or beneath the surface

of the earth. The term shall not include any wastewater discharge system licensed under Title 38, MRSA, Section 414, and surface wastewater disposal system licensed under Title 38, MRSA, Section 413, Subsection 1-A, or any public sewer. The term shall not include a wastewater disposal system designed to treat wastewater which is in whole or in part hazardous waste as defined in Title 38, MRSA, Chapter 13, subchapter 1.

62. **Sustained slope** - a change in elevation where the referenced percent grade is substantially maintained or exceeded throughout the measured area.
63. **Timber harvesting** - the cutting and removal of trees from their growing site, and the attendant operation of cutting and skidding machinery, but not the construction or creation of roads. Timber harvesting does not include the clearing of land for approved construction.
64. **Tributary stream** - a channel between defined banks created by the action of surface water, whether intermittent or perennial, and which is characterized by the lack of upland vegetation or presence of aquatic vegetation and by the presence of a bed devoid of topsoil containing waterborne deposits on exposed soil, parent material or bedrock, and which flows to a water body or wetland as defined. This definition does not include the term "stream" as defined elsewhere in this Ordinance, and only applies to that portion of the tributary stream located within the shoreland zone of the receiving water body or wetland.
65. **Upland edge** - the boundary between upland and wetland.
66. **Vegetation** - all live trees, shrubs, ground cover, and other plants including without limitation, trees both over and under four (4) inches in diameter, measured at 4-112 feet above ground level.
67. **Volume of a structure** - the volume of all portions of a structure enclosed by roof and fixed exterior walls as measured from the exterior faces of these walls and roof.
68. **Water body** - any great pond, river or stream.
69. **Water Crossing** - any project extending from one bank to the opposite bank of a river or stream, whether under, through, or over the water course. Such projects include, but may not be limited to roads, fords, bridges, culverts, water lines, sewer lines, and cables as well as maintenance work on these crossings.
70. **Water Dependent Uses** - those uses that require, for their primary purpose, location on submerged lands or that require direct access to, or location in inland waters and which cannot be located away from these waters. The uses include, but are not limited to commercial and

recreational fishing and boating facilities, waterfront dock facilities, boat building facilities, marinas, navigation aides, basins and channels, uses dependent upon water-borne transportation or requiring large volumes of cooling or processing water and which cannot reasonably be located or operated at an inland site, and uses which primarily provide general public access to waters.

71. **Wetlands associated with great ponds and rivers** - wetlands contiguous with or adjacent to a great pond or river, and which during normal high-water, are connected by surface water to the great pond or river. Also included are wetlands which are separated from the great pond or river by a berm, causeway, or similar feature less than one hundred (144) feet in width, and which have a surface elevation at or below the normal high-water line of the great pond or river. Wetlands associated with great ponds or rivers are considered to be part of that great pond or river.
72. **Wind Energy Facility** - means a facility that uses one or more Wind Turbines to convert wind energy to electrical energy. A Wind Energy Facility includes Generating Facilities and Associated Facilities.

Wind Energy Facility, Type 1A - means a Wind Energy Facility having a maximum generating capacity of less than 100kW, a maximum of one Wind Turbine and a maximum Turbine Height of 80 feet.

Wind Energy Facility, Type 1B - means a Wind Energy Facility having a maximum generating capacity of less than 100kW and either more than one Wind Turbine, or one or more Wind Turbines with a Turbine Height greater than 80 feet.

Wind Energy Facility, Type 2 - means a Wind Energy Facility having a maximum generating capacity of 100 kW or greater and which does not require a state permit issued by the Department of Environmental Protection under the Site Location of Development Act, 38 M.R.S. §481, et seq.

Wind Energy Facility, Type 3 - means a Wind Energy Facility having a generating capacity of 100kW or greater and which requires a state permit issued by the Department of Environmental Protection under the Site Location of Development Act, 38 M.R.S. §481, et seq.

Associated Facilities - means elements of a Wind Energy Facility other than its Generating Facilities that are necessary to the proper operation and maintenance of the Wind Energy Facility, including but not limited to buildings, access roads, Generator Lead Lines and substations.

Generating Facilities - means Wind Turbines and electrical lines, not including Generator Lead Lines, that are immediately associated with the

Wind Turbines.