

Portland, Maine



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Permitting and Inspections Department
Michael A. Russell, MS, Director

Ann Machado, Zoning Administrator

September 27, 2017

TMS Architects
Attn: Shannon Alther
1 Cate Street
Portsmouth, New Hampshire 03801

Dear Shannon,

Your Practical Difficulty Variance Appeal has been scheduled to be heard before the Zoning Board of Appeals on **Thursday, October 5, 2017, at 6:30 p.m.** in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 389 Congress Street, Portland, Maine.

Please remember to bring a copy of your application packet with you to the meeting to answer any questions the Board may have.

I have included an agenda with your appeal highlighted, as well as a handout outlining the meeting process for the Zoning Board of Appeals.

I have also included the bill for the processing fee, legal ad, and notices for the appeal. You may pay online by visiting <http://www.portlandmaine.gov/1728/Permitting-Inspections> and clicking the "Pay Your Bill Online" link in the menu on the left. You can also pay by mail at:

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: City of Portland
MAILING ADDRESS: Permitting & Inspections Department, Room 315
389 Congress Street
Portland, ME 04101

All fees must be paid in full either before the hearing or by bringing payment to the hearing. If there are outstanding fees at the time of the hearing, your appeal will be tabled and rescheduled once fees are paid.

Please feel free to contact me at 207-874-8701 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Doreen M. Christ
Support Services Specialist

pc: File
Elizabeth Chase

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Kent Avery, Chair
Donna Katsiaticas, Secretary
Robert Bartels
Eric Larsson
Benjamin McCall
Joseph Zamboni

APPEAL AGENDA

The Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, October 5, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. in Room 209 on the Second Floor at Portland City Hall, 389 Congress Street, Portland, Maine, to hear the following appeals:

1. New Business:

- A. Conditional Use Appeal:** 2065 Washington Avenue Extension, Jacqueline Wiegleb, owner, Tax Map 385A, Block A, Lot 003, R-2 Residential Zone: The applicant is seeking a Conditional Use Appeal under Section 14-78(a)(2) to gain approval for an existing accessory dwelling unit in her single-family home. Representing the appeal is the owner.
- B. Practical Difficulty Variance Appeal:** 18 8th Maine Avenue, Elizabeth Price Chase, owner, Tax Map 85, Block N, Lot 008, IR-2 Island Residential Zone: The applicant is seeking a Practical Difficulty Variance to reduce the minimum side setback from the required 10 feet to 8.75 feet [Section 14-145.11(c)(3)]. Representing the appeal is Shannon Alther of TMS Architects.

2. Adjournment

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Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting Process

You or your representative must attend the Zoning Board meeting in order to present your case and to answer any questions the Board may have concerning your appeal. Have a copy of your appeal with you.

First, the Chairperson will call the meeting to order and read the procedures.
Next, the Secretary will call the roll of the Board members present.
The meeting will then open to the first appeal on the agenda.

The first applicant will come forward to the small front table and give a verbal summary of what it is they are appealing to the Board. The Board will have already received your written application packet. You then may need to answer questions from the Board.

The public will have a chance to respond when the Chair first asks the public as to who would like to respond in favor or against the appeal application. The applicant will be able to respond after all the public comments.

When the Board is satisfied that they have all the information they need to make a decision, the Chairperson will close the meeting to public comment and will begin their deliberations.

The Board will make a motion (usually in the affirmative) and then further discuss the issues involved. On rare occasions, the Board may open the public portion again (temporarily) to ask another question to the applicant. After the deliberation, the Board will take an official vote and thus make an official decision.

The Board will then ask the next applicant to come forward. The process continues until all appeals are heard and decisions are rendered.

The Chairperson will then adjourn the meeting.

A copy of the Board's decision will be mailed to you, along with a bill for abutter's notices and legal ads. We will also include a building permit application if deemed necessary.

The Building Permit application will have to be filled out and returned to Inspection Services on the 3rd floor of City Hall, as per current application process. A document outlining the Building Permit process is available at the office or on line at: <http://www.portlandmaine.gov/DocumentCenter/View/4468>. It is the responsibility of the applicant to submit all the required documents and plans that are listed on the permit application checklist. Any outstanding fees incurred during the Appeal process must be paid before the building permit can be issued.

CITY OF PORTLAND
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT

389 Congress Street
 Portland, Maine 04101

INVOICE OF FEES

Application No: 0000-3061	Applicant: Shannon Alther
Project Name: 18 8TH MAINE AVE	Location: 18 8TH MAINE AVE
CBL: 085 N008001	Application Type: Practical Difficulty
Invoice Date: 09/27/2017	

Previous Balance	-	Payment Received	+	Current Fees	-	Current Payment	=	Total Due	Payment Due Date
\$150.00		\$150.00		\$172.71		\$0.00		\$172.71	On Receipt

First Billing

Previous Balance		\$150.00
Payment Received 9/18/2017 - Thank you	-	\$150.00

Fee Description	Qty	Fee/Deposit Charge
Notices - ZBA	79	\$59.25
Legal Advertisements - ZBA	1	\$113.46
		<u>\$172.71</u>

Total Current Fees: + \$172.71

Total Current Payments: - \$0.00

Amount Due Now: \$172.71

 Detach and remit with payment

CBL 085 N008001
Bill To: CHASE ELIZABETH PRICE
 4970 E RIVER RD
 TUCSON , AZ 85718

Application No: 0000-3061
Invoice Date: 09/27/2017
Invoice No: 70246
Total Amt Due: \$172.71
Payment Amount:

Make checks payable to the *City of Portland*, ATTN: Inspections, 3rd Floor, 389 Congress Street, Portland, ME 04101.

Pay On-Line at <http://portlandmaine.gov/550/Inspections>