

**St. George Planning Board
On-site Public Inspection
Monhegan Boat Line
April 8, 2019**

The on-site public hearing began at 5:00 p.m. Planning Board members present were: Anne Cox, Chair; Jane Brown, Brendan Chase, Ray Emerson, Mary K. Hewlett, Michael Jordan, and Alan Letourneau. Also present: CEO Terry Brackett, Amy and Andrew Barstow, James Barstow, Richard Bates, and Bruce Hodsdon. No abutters were present.

The applicants, Amy and Andrew Barstow, were present. The application is to rebuild the existing pier and pier structure including the sea wall and ticket office/storage building located at Monhegan Boat Line, 880 Port Clyde Road.

Chair Cox opened the on-site inspection at 5:00 p.m. at the Monhegan Boat Line Administrative Office. She stated the abutting property owners were notified of the onsite inspection for this proposed project and that a Public Hearing is scheduled for April 9, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the St. George Town Office.

Chair Cox asked Barstow to compare the height of the building to that of the General Store. Barstow said with his measurements, the height will be approximately to the peak of the General Store.

Mr. Barstow said he has spoken with Larry Anderson, an abutter, who has concerns about the project and how the additional height of the building will affect his view. Barstow said at the time of their conversation, he did not know the final height of the building but would let Anderson know. Barstow did let him know, though he has not spoken with him again about this. Barstow said the additional height will not affect Anderson's view looking outside from the sides of his house but it will affect his view looking to the outside from the top floor of his house.

Barstow said he has spoken with a lot of the neighboring abutters and most people are supportive and have no problems with the proposed project.

Chair Cox asked if a decision has been made about installing a septic system. Barstow said they are still working on that and would like to be able to provide a good bathroom for the public, but it depends on State regulations. CEO Brackett said he spoke with Natalie at Gartley & Dorsky, who said she is still looking for septic plans. Barstow said they will still have the portables available for customers, even if a bathroom is not possible.

Ms. Hewlett asked if people, who are totally unfamiliar with the area, will be able to see a sign with the words such as Ticket Office or Monhegan Boat Line? Barstow said that is a good question. He thinks the additional height of the building may draw more attention to it. Chair Cox thinks if a cupola is approved, that may give the building/business greater visibility from a distance. Barstow thinks a cupola will stand out (draw attention to) when driving down the hill.

Chase asked if the siding will be cedar shakes. Amy Barstow said she wants natural cedar shingles on the building.

The Planning Board and public then continued the on-site inspection on the boat line dock to review the outside existing structure and pier area. Barstow noted the placement of the vestibule and double doors; these will be located on the parking lot side of the building. He said this will route the pedestrian circulation through the building and away from vehicle traffic.

Barstow said the building is 31' wide and that dimension will not change, but the building will be longer.

Hewlett asked Barstow for the location of Larry Anderson's house. Barstow noted that over the years, two buildings in the area have been taken down, and with that, improved Anderson's view of the harbor.

Chase said the left side of the building at the corner is floating. Chase asked if the new bulkhead will go to the edge of the building and then come up? Barstow said yes and pointed out the dimensions of the new bulkhead - where it will begin, how far it will extend, and where it will end. Barstow stated there are so many problems underneath the bulkhead: The steel under the concrete is wasted; the walls are caving in on the building; the building is falling down; the back wall is caving.

Chair Cox asked if there were any further questions, comments, or discussion. Hearing none, the onsite public hearing ended at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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