

Mercer Planning Board Ordinance
Section 1. Title and Purpose:

The title of this ordinance shall be "Re-Establishment of the Town of Mercer Planning Board". It's purpose is to replace and revise the original establishment of the Planning Board, as set forth in Section 12, A, 1 of the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Mercer, adopted by the town in 1974.

Section 2. Authority:

2.1 This ordinance is enacted pursuant to the authority given the Town in 30-A M.R.S.A. 3001 (Home Rule).

2.2 The effective date of this ordinance shall be March 7, 1992.

Section 3. Composition of the Board:

3.1 The Board shall consist of 5 members.

3.2 The term of each member shall be 3 years.

3.3 Three members shall be elected by the Town by Australian ballot, one each in successive years as the terms of the current elected members expire.

3.4 Two members shall be appointed by the selectmen. Appointments to be made within 60 days of the date of the Town Meeting.

3.5 The two initial appointments shall be for 2 and 3 years respectively. Thereafter all appointments shall be for 3 years.

3.6 Selectmen may be members of the Board.

3.7 When there is a permanent vacancy of either an elected or appointed member, the selectmen shall appoint a replacement as soon as possible.

3.8 All members shall be sworn by the Town Clerk.

Section 4. Organization:

4.1 The Board shall elect a chairperson from among its members within 60 days of the date of Town Meeting. The chairperson's term shall be for 1 year, with eligibility for re-election.

4.2 The Board may either elect a secretary from among its members or hire a non-board member to serve as secretary.

4.3 The secretary shall keep a record of the Board's meetings, transactions, correspondence, findings, and determinations. All records shall be deemed public and may be inspected at reasonable times.

Section 5. Duties and Powers:

5.1 The Board shall perform such duties and exercise such powers as are provided by Town of Mercer ordinance and the laws of the State of Maine.

5.2 The Board may obtain goods and services necessary to its proper function within the limits of appropriations made for the purpose.

Section 6. Validity and Amendments:

6.1 Should any section or provision of this ordinance be declared by any court to be invalid, such decision shall not invalidate any other section or provision.

6.2 This ordinance may be amended by majority vote of the Town at any Town Meeting, the warrant for which gives notice of the proposed change.

Attest: A true copy of an ordinance entitled "Re-Establishment of the Town of Mercer Planning Board", as certified to me by the municipal officers of Mercer on the 6th day of February, 1992.

Signature

Town Clerk of Mercer