

CEDC Meeting
October 4, 2018 – 6:30 PM
Town Office Conference Room



Meeting Materials

CEDC
Thursday October 4, 2018
6:30pm – Town Office Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

- Guest acknowledgements
- Approve minutes
- Review financials – Matt Garside

NEW BUSINESS

- BAH – Next Event
- Cost Estimates for TIF Project – Matt Garside
- Subcommittee Update for Fall 2019 Event
- Marijuana Committee Update
- Business Signs – Review CLUC and understand if anything needs to be done for next town meeting that is “comprehensive”
- Business Seminars – Potential to set up seminars or get Poland business to attend other seminars. (show the one in newspaper)
- Banners – Mr. Chips

OLD BUSINESS

OPEN ISSUES

- Bin List for Sarah

ADJOURNMENT

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CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Steve Robinson calls the meeting to order at 6:30 PM with Members Ray Cloutier, Norm Davis, Deb Ouellette, Stan Tetenman, and Bill Eldridge present. Members Cyndi Robbins and Jay Kiel absent with notice.

Guest acknowledgements

Guests present Matt Garside and Jimmy Walker.

Approve minutes

Norm Davis moved to accept the meeting minutes from the August 2, 2018 meeting and the August 16, 2018 meeting. Deb Ouellette seconded the motion. Discussion: None Vote: 6-yes 0-no

Review financials – Matt Garside

Went over the financials and the invoices. Questions arose about future maintenance costs for the landscaping at the Town signs. Need to see how much this is going to cost next year and whether CEDC is going to continue paying for it. Ray Cloutier moved to approve the financials. Deb Ouellette seconded the motion. Discussion: None Vote: 6-yes 0-no

NEW BUSINESS

Banners

Most of the Committee likes the top three banner examples and want them to say Poland, Maine like the first example with the cyclist. The Committee would like banners with the following themes: a cyclist, hiking, golf, fishing, canoeing/kayaking, ice fishing/snowshoeing, snowmobiling, camping, wildlife – i.e. a moose or deer, snowflake, wreath, and a snowman. Make two of each of these and place them twice a year – spring/summer and fall/winter. The questions of who will place and take care of the banners needs to be decided.

The Committee would like to have Mr. Chips put together some samples with the chosen themes, they would like to know what the cost is going to be, and to see a sample of the brackets. There is also the question of whether CMP is ok with the brackets and placement. And how soon can the banners go up.

Steve Robinson and Deb Ouellette will work with Cyndi Robbins to talk with Mr. Chips and have him come to the October 4th meeting.

Marijuana Committee

The Committee has been asked to send a CEDC member to join the marijuana committee. This group will meet every other Wednesday for four to five months. Both Stan Tetenman and Bill Eldridge have expressed interest in being the CEDC liaison. Bill Eldridge will be the CEDC liaison.

Subcommittee update for Fall 2019 Event

Deb Ouellette gave an update on the last meeting with the other members where they brainstormed ideas. They are currently looking at an event that combines a triathlon with other events

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like bands/entertainment, fireworks, and maybe even link it with Heritage Days. Because of the amount of work involved in planning an event like this Deb Ouellette would like to get some quotes as to the cost of hiring an event coordinator. Right now the tentative date for this event is September 14, 2019.

Business and Community Expo – Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce

The consensus of the Committee is this is not a worthwhile event for CEDC to attend. The Committee would like to invite John Williams to attend the next BAH.

Gathering Winds Farm – Matt Garside

This was just a heads up to the Committee about an event being put on by a small business in town.

Special Town Meeting Update

Postcards from the Town as well as from CEDC have gone out to the residents to get them to turn out at the meeting. The Committee thinks it would be a good idea to advertise this meeting on the signs at the transfer Station and Public Works Department. It is already being advertised on the Town Office sign and the Town website.

Richard Whiting from Auburn Public Housing will be at this meeting, but the elderly housing project is at least a year to a year and a half away from starting.

Direction for Sarah

Create a bin list of items to work on in between projects.

Deb Ouellette hasn't had a chance to do the business of the quarter for Northeast Bank and could Sarah Merrill and or Matt Garside help with this.

The Committee would like a copy of the business list for the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

None

OPEN ISSUES / OTHER ISSUES

Ray Cloutier would like to come up with a way to utilize, rent, or buy the Poland Community Church. It's a good location and could be used for a variety of community events such as a farmer's market.

The Committee would like to see something written up in the paper and put on the website about the new fish market in Poland to draw attention to and support new business. The Committee would also like to start doing the same thing for all new Poland businesses.

ADJOURNMENT

Stan Tetenman moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm. Ray Cloutier seconded the motion.

Discussion: None Vote: 6-yes 0-no

Expense Detail Report

Department(s): E 400-01-5650 - E 400-01-5650
September

Account-----			Current			Unexpended
Date	Jrnl	Desc---	Budget	Debits	Credits	Balance
400 - PSB TIF 1 FUNDS			56,500.00	7,820.55	94.50	48,773.95
01 - PSB TIF 1			56,500.00	7,820.55	94.50	48,773.95
5650 - CEDC EXPENSE			56,500.00	7,820.55	94.50	48,773.95
09/06/18	P 0126	09/06/18 Payroll (Dist)		96.46	0.00	
09/13/18	P 0135	09/13/18 Payroll (Dist)		98.00	0.00	
09/14/18	A 0138	PS BOTTLING LEGALS		226.63	0.00	
09/14/18	A 0138	CEDC- GIS EXPENSE 8/29		530.75	0.00	
09/20/18	P 0150	09/20/18 Payroll (Dist)		98.00	0.00	
		September	0.00	1,049.84	0.00	47,724.11
		Expense.....	56,500.00	8,870.39	94.50	47,724.11
		Division....	56,500.00	8,870.39	94.50	47,724.11
		Department..	56,500.00	8,870.39	94.50	47,724.11
Final Totals			56,500.00	8,870.39	94.50	47,724.11

land disturbance, and shall be in operation prior to and 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. Erosion and sedimentation control measures must remain in place until the site is permanently stabilized.

- 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, seed, sod, 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) sq. ft. 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 outside the disturbed area. Such measures may include the use of staked hay bales and/or silt fences; and
 - 4. Emergency excavation for the repair of household water supply or septic facilities may be permitted by the Town Code Enforcement Officer. This will require submitting a written Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan and those measures shall be followed.
- E. 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, and shall be stabilized with vegetation or lined with riprap.

508.16 Storm Water Runoff

- A. Requirements for New Construction and Development - All new construction and development shall be designed to minimize quantity and maximize quality of 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 storm-water.
- B. Maintenance Requirements - Storm Water Runoff Control Systems shall be maintained as necessary to ensure proper functioning.

508.17 Timber Harvesting - Within the Town of Poland timber harvesting shall be conducted in accordance with the Erosion & Sediment Control Handbook for Maine Timber Harvesting Operations Best Management Practices (June 1991 and as amended). Timber Harvesting within the Shoreland Area shall also comply with Section 508.27.L

508.18 Signs

- A. Purpose - The purpose of these standards is to regulate the location and use of all signage in the Town of Poland, Maine, while promoting the public health, safety, economic development and general welfare of Poland citizens. The standards also seek the most appropriate use of signage in Poland, in order to reduce visual clutter.
- B. Applicability
 - 1. All signs hereinafter erected, reconstructed, altered, enlarged or moved, and uses of signs shall be in conformity with the provisions of this Section. No sign shall be used for any purpose or in any manner except as permitted within the District in which such sign is located.

2. All signs erected prior to January 1, 1996 and registered on an approved Town form with Poland's Code Enforcement Officer within thirty (30) days of enactment of this Section shall be legally nonconforming for the purposes of this Code.

C. Sign Erection and Maintenance

1. No signs shall be erected or altered unless in conformity with the provisions of this Section.
2. Signs must be kept clean, legible and free from all hazards, such as, but not limited to, faulty wiring, loose fastenings, or deterioration, and must be maintained at all times in such condition so as not to be detrimental to the public health or safety, detract from the physical appearance and natural beauty of the community, or constitute a distraction or obstruction that may impair traffic safety.

All such signs must be properly maintained by the owner thereof or the owner of the premises on which they are located, and any such sign that becomes a nuisance or a hazard to public safety must be promptly repaired or removed from the premises if so ordered by the Code Enforcement Officer.

- D. Relocation - Any legally existing nonconforming sign to be relocated or altered, shall be brought into conformance with the provisions of this Section, except when relocation or alteration is pursuant to a violation order issued by the Code Enforcement Officer. Except for prohibited signs as listed in Section 508.18.I, changes in the content of a nonconforming sign including names, words, logos or similar information shall not constitute an alteration requiring conformance with this Section, as long as the changes do not make the sign more nonconforming and a permit is obtained for the changes from the Code Enforcement Officer.
- E. Traffic and Safety Hazards - No sign shall be permitted which causes a traffic, health, or safety hazard or creates a nuisance due to its illumination, placement, display, or manner of construction. No sign shall be located so as to obstruct views of traffic.
- F. Building and Electrical Codes Compliance - All signs must conform to the Building and Electrical Code as adopted by the Town of Poland, Maine, except as specifically provided to the contrary herein.
- G. Signs Allowed in all Districts without a Permit from the Code Enforcement Officer - The following types of signs may be erected in all zoning districts without obtaining a permit from the Code Enforcement Officer.
 1. Public Safety Zones - Governmental bodies may erect and maintain signs necessary for the public safety and welfare, or as required by law, ordinance or governmental regulation.
 2. Posting Private Property - Signs are permitted to post private property for the following or similar conditions; no hunting, no fishing, no snowmobiling, no trespassing, and shall comply with the current State of Maine standards.
 3. Temporary Signs - Temporary signs listed below shall not be placed in a position that will impair vision, obstruct traffic, or in any manner create a hazard or nuisance to the general public.
 - a. Temporary noncommercial signs of any type shall meet the requirements of 23 M.R.S.A. §1913-A(1)(L).
 - b. Real Estate Signs
 - (1) Two (2) temporary Real Estate signs advertising the sale, lease or rental of a parcel or structure, may be placed on the sale, lease, or rental property. Within the Farm and Forest, Rural Residential, and Village Zones the maximum sign size shall be six (6) sq. ft.

(2) Subdivision of four (4) lots or more shall be allowed one (1) thirty-two (32) square foot Real Estate Development sign. In addition, each lot in the Subdivision shall be allowed one (1) six (6) square foot temporary Real Estate sign.

(3) Within the Shoreland Area, temporary Real Estate signs shall not be more than three (3) sq. ft.

(4) For Commercial Development other than Subdivisions, in the General Purpose, Farm and Forest, and Village Zones, a temporary Real Estate sign of thirty-two (32) sq. ft. shall be permitted. One thirty-two (32) square foot sign per six hundred (600) linear feet of road frontage, for a maximum of three (3) signs per development, is allowed.

Such signs, as described in this Section, shall be removed by the owner or his agent within ten (10) days of such sale, lease, or rental. Temporary Open House directional signs shall be removed within twenty-four (24) hours after the Open House is over. The sign(s) may be attached to a building or be freestanding.

c. Construction - A temporary construction sign, providing a general identification of a project and those responsible therefore, may be erected on the construction site provided it shall not exceed sixteen (16) sq. ft. for residential construction, and shall be removed within ten (10) days after the project completion. For commercial development in the General Purpose, Farm and Forest, Village, and Rural Residential Zones, a temporary Construction sign of thirty-two sq. ft. (32 sq. ft.) is permitted.

Commercial Development Projects are defined as any project other than one and two family dwellings and accessory residential structures.

d. Home Sales - A sign advertising a temporary home, yard, garage, barn or basement sale on the premises may be placed for no more than three (3) days prior to said sale and shall be removed within twenty-four (24) hours of the end of the sale. Maximum number of Yard Sale signs limited to two (2) per year.

e. Reserved.

f. Temporary Signs, Banners, Decorations - Upon approval of the Municipal Officers, temporary signs, banners, flags and other decorations may be attached to or suspended from public canopies when in relation to a special event.

g. Signs that are located and displayed inside the building, whether visible outside of the building through a window or door.¹

4. Occupant Signs - Any residential property may contain one (1) sign not exceeding six (6) sq. ft. in area and being noncommercial in nature. These signs may be freestanding or attached to a building or structure.

a. House Numbering Signs - In conformance with the Street Naming and House Numbering Ordinance of the Town of Poland, Maine adopted November 9, 1995.

5. Flags

a. Any flag of a commercial nature shall be considered a sign.

¹ Added 4-4-2015

- b. An Open for Business flag (not to exceed fifteen (15) sq. ft.) is permitted, one (1) to a business, displayed during operating hours only, and to be removed at the end of the business day. Square footage not counted in total signage.
- 6. Public Notices - Legal Notices, Identification, Informational or Directional signs erected or required by governmental bodies.
- 7. Architectural Features - Integral, decorative or architectural features of buildings, except letter, trademarks, moving parts or lights.
- 8. Memorials - Memorial signs or tablets, names of buildings and date of erection when cut into masonry, bronze or other noncombustible materials.
- 9. Off Premise Business Promotional Signs - Business Promotional signs attached to fences surrounding non-profit recreational sports facilities. Signs shall not exceed the height of the fencing that they are attached to, and in no case shall they be more than ten (10) feet in height. ¹
- H. Signs Requiring a Code Enforcement Officer Sign Permit - The following types of signs may be erected in all Zoning Districts except shoreland zones following the issuance of a permit from the Code Enforcement Officer. Such signs shall not be counted toward the total area of signage allowed. ²
 - 1. Identification Signs - A sign identifying a lawfully existing home occupation, home child or group child care facilities operated in conjunction with a residential use, is allowed on the premises, providing the sign does not exceed four (4) sq. ft. in display area.
 - 2. Institutional Signs - A single sign may be erected for noncommercial purposes in connection with any church, museum, library, school or similar public structure. Such signs shall not exceed twenty-five (25) sq. ft. in display area.
 - 3. Driveway Signs - Entrance and Exit signs may be placed at driveways and shall not obstruct the view of traffic. Such signs shall not exceed two (2) sq. ft.
 - 4. Farm Products - Not more than two (2) signs advertising the sale of farm or forestry products available on the premises. Each sign shall not exceed sixteen (16) sq. ft.
 - 5. Building Directory - A sign may be attached at the entrance to a building to identify the occupants for pedestrians entering the building and shall be in addition to any other signs permitted by this Section. A Building Directory sign shall not exceed six (6) sq. ft.
 - 6. Advertising and Promotional Signs - Signs, banners and similar specialty advertising devices used temporarily in conjunction with special events or sales, provided they are used for ten (10) working days or less and are located on or attached to the premises where the sale or event is occurring. Within the first eighteen (18) months of the opening of a new business, these types of devices may be utilized for not more than one hundred eighty (180) days after opening, provided they do not exceed the allowable sign area.
- I. Sign Standards - The following standards shall govern the erection of signs. Any permitted sign shall be erected, changed or relocated only after a permit is obtained from the Code Enforcement Officer in accordance with the provisions of the Building Code. Permitted signs shall be considered to be accessory to the principal use of the premises and shall pertain only to activities or products available on the premises.

¹ Amended 4-27-2002

² Amended 4-4-2015

1. Signs may be illuminated only by the following means:
 - a. By a white, steady, stationary light of reasonable intensity shielded, directed inward and downward, and directed solely at the sign and not casting incidental light off the premises.¹
 - b. By interior non-exposed lights of reasonable intensity.
 - c. An illuminated sign or lighting device shall not be so placed or directed so that it constitutes a traffic hazard or nuisance through glare or reflection upon a public street, highway, sidewalk or adjacent premises.
2. Permanent Sign Types and Standards for Farm and Forest and Rural Residential Zoning Districts. The following standards shall govern the installation of signs in the Farm and Forest and Rural Residential Districts.²
 - a. Any sign attached to building shall be a wall sign.
 - b. Any freestanding sign shall have a maximum height to the highest point of the sign area of twelve (12) feet above the adjacent road grade.
 - c. Signs may be illuminated internally or externally.³
 - d. Total square footage shall not exceed twenty-five (25) sq. ft. No single sign to exceed sixteen (16) sq. ft., except for those signs herein specifically defined.
 - e. Signs may be attached to a building or detached and located in the front yard describing an apartment house, residential development, or other legally conforming use.
3. Permanent Sign Types and Standards Permitted for Downtown Village, Village 1, 2, 3, and 4, and General Purpose 1, 2, and 3 Zoning Districts:⁴
 - a. Awning Signs: (refer to Section 508.18.I.3.j - special requirements)
 - b. Single-faced or Multiple-faced Ground signs: Provided no permanent ground sign shall have less than four (4) foot clearance above grade and no permanent ground sign or structural support shall extend higher than fifteen (15) feet above grade or if the sign is affixed to or is part of a structure, such sign or structural support shall not exceed more than five (5) feet above the peak of the roof. Ground signs with less than four (4) foot clearance above grade or taller than fifteen (15) feet above grade shall be permitted if it is determined by the Code Enforcement Officer, following an on-site inspection of the premises, that the proposed sign's height is due to the natural ground elevations and its structural support will not create or aggravate a safety hazard, however no sign shall extend higher than twenty-five (25) feet above grade.
 - c. Single-faced or Multiple-faced Marquee signs: Provided no marquee sign or structural support may extend higher than the second story window sills unless the walls are covered by a windowless facade.

¹ Amended 4-29-2006

² Amended 4-4-2015

³ Also known as Manufactured Housing

⁴ Amended 4-4-2015

- d. Single-faced or Multiple-faced Projecting signs: Provided no projecting sign may extend higher than the second story window sills or fifteen (15) feet above grade, whichever is higher, or lower than ten (10) feet above grade. No sign shall project more than five (5) feet from the building and may not extend beyond the lot line.
- e. Wall signs: Provided no wall sign or structural support may cover any portion of a visible window or window detail above the first story.
- f. Window signs: Provided that the area of a permanent window sign may not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the area of the window on which it is mounted or in which it is located.
- g. Beverage signs: Each retail grocery store may display one (1) illuminated malt beverage display sign in addition to one (1) other illuminated or non-illuminated display sign.
- h. Sign Illumination: Signs on Routes 11, 26, 121, and 122 may be illuminated internally or externally, only during business hours.
- i. Sign Area: The total area of all signs on a parcel shall conform to the following maximum aggregate sign area requirements. For multiple-faced signs, the area of one face shall be included in the computation of the aggregate sign area:
 - (1) Each premises shall be permitted one (1) freestanding ground sign. For lots located in the Downtown Village District, the permitted freestanding ground sign shall have a maximum sign area of thirty two (32) sq. ft. In all other Village and General Purpose Districts the maximum sign area of the permitted free standing sign shall be sixty-four (64) sq. ft. In addition, a thirty-two (32) square foot changeable letter sign attached to the same freestanding ground sign is permitted. In addition, each business entity is permitted additional sign area not to exceed five percent (5%) of the gross wall area of the principal facade of the building or structure up to a maximum of thirty-two (32) sq. ft., in the form of awning, marquee, projecting wall, or window signs attached to the building or structure in which the business is located.

Parcels of land subdivided for purposes of nonresidential development or a single parcel developed with multiple uses are permitted an additional sixteen (16) sq. ft. of signage per business or use, up to an additional maximum one hundred twenty eight (128) sq. ft. of sign area, all to be located on the same freestanding ground sign. Such signage shall be located at the principal entrance. For multi-tenant business parks, or shopping centers, an additional freestanding ground sign of sixteen (16) sq. ft. is permitted at other major vehicular entry points located on arterial streets, provided such signs are not readily concurrently visible with any other freestanding ground signs located on the premises. In addition, a changeable letter sign of eight (8) sq. ft. attached to the same free standing ground sign is allowed at secondary vehicular entry points.
- j. Special requirements. For the purposes of this Section, the following special requirements apply:
 - (1) Awnings with graphic displays shall meet the applicable sign standards.
 - (2) No part of any sign may extend above the level of a flat roof or the eaves of any other type of roof, except signs are allowed on lower mansard roofs and false fronts that project above eaves of pitched and flat roofs.
 - (3) Signs may be illuminated provided that illuminated signs shall not be a nuisance to the abutting property owners and lighting time limits may be prescribed by the Poland Planning Board.

(4) Signs must comply with current Maine State law regarding setback requirements.

k. Changeable Signs – Provided the sign may be changed no more than once every 5 seconds. No sign can flash or display continuous streaming of information or video animation; and the display may comprise no more than 50% of the surface area of a changeable sign. No more than one changeable sign with 2 sides is allowed per lot of record.

4. Permanent Sign Types and Standards Permitted for Shoreland Areas. The following provisions shall govern the use of signs in the Resource Protection, Stream Protection, Limited Commercial and Residential Districts:

- a. Signs relating to goods and services sold on the premises shall be permitted, provided that such signs shall not exceed four (4) sq. ft. in area and shall not exceed one (1) sign per premises. 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 one (1) sign per premise.
- c. Residential users may display a single sign not over three (3) sq. ft. in area relating to the sale, rental, or lease of the premises.
- d. No sign shall extend higher than eight (8) feet above the ground.
- e. Signs may not be illuminated except with Planning Board approval.

J. Portable Signs

- 1. Portable Signs Permitted - Any lot located in the Downtown Village, General Purpose or Village Districts shall be permitted one (1) portable sign of not more than thirty-two (32) sq. ft. in sign area for a maximum of sixty (60) days, starting the date of issue of permit, in any twelve (12) month period in addition to other signs permitted by this Section.¹
- 2. Permit Required - A Sign Permit shall be obtained from the Code Enforcement Officer prior to installing the sign. The application shall specify the location of the sign and use, and shall be accompanied by a fee as established by the Town of Poland Fee Schedule.
- 3. Location - A Portable sign shall be located outside of the street right-of-way in such a manner that it will not obstruct or impair vision of traffic or in any way create a hazard or nuisance to the public. The electrical service is to be approved by the Electrical Inspector upon installation.
- 4. Not Permitted - No flashing, moving, animated, or articulated signs are permitted.

K. Official Business Directional Signs

- 1. Authority - The provisions of this Section shall govern the installation and maintenance of Official Business Directional Signs authorized by the Maine Traveler Information Services Act, Title 23, M.R.S.A. Sections 1901-1925, and as amended.
- 2. Qualifying Uses - The following uses are qualifying uses, provided they are located on State Highway Routes 11, 26, 121 and 122, and Minor Collector Roads, the Empire Road, Megquier Hill Road and Plains Road.

¹ Amended 4-4-2015

- a. Traveler information center, except those facilities of which the primary activity is the provision of commercial services.
 - b. Schools, high schools, and colleges.
 - c. Cultural facilities and historic monuments.
 - d. Arenas.
 - e. Outdoor recreational facilities.
 - f. Public accommodations and commercial businesses, the majority of whose users are tourist or the traveling nonresident public.
 - g. Retail agricultural operations in which the gross income that can be attributed solely to sales exceeds two thousand five hundred (\$2500) dollars per year.
3. Additional Requirements - Official Business Directional Signs shall be installed and maintained in accordance with the requirements of the Maine Traveler Information Act, Title 23, M.R.S.A. sections 1901-1925, and as amended, and other regulations adopted pursuant to said statutes.
 - a. Additional requirements.
 - (1) The minimum distance between Official Business Directional Sign posts shall be a least three hundred (300) feet as measured along the shortest straight line.
 - (2) An Official Business Directional Sign may be installed only upon issuance of a permit pursuant to this Section and approval by the police and fire departments.
 - (3) No Official Business Directional Sign shall be placed closer than two hundred (200) feet from the property line of a commercial business offering directly competing goods or services.
 - (4) An Official Business Directional Sign shall be located no closer than two hundred (200) feet or further than twenty-five hundred (2,500) feet from an intersection where a change in direction as indicated in said sign is required.
 - (5) No more than three (3) Official Business Directional Signs may be attached to an individual sign post assembly. No new sign post assembly shall be installed until existing sign post assemblies suitable for any newly proposed Official Business Directional Sign contain the maximum number of permitted signs.
- L. Prohibited Signs - The following signs are prohibited in all areas of the Town of Poland, except as otherwise provided in this Section.
 1. Off-Premises Signs - An outdoor sign bearing a commercial or business name, symbol, logo or message, located on any premise other than where the project, service or activity is located. Exceptions: Publicly erected information kiosks and Official Business Directional Signs in accordance with Section 508.18.K and business promotional signs attached to fences surrounding non-profit recreational sport facilities and house number identification signs.
 2. Moving or Flashing Signs - Signs, other than barber poles, time and weather devices, and public service signs, that have visible moving parts or blinking, moving or glaring illumination.
 3. Signs in Street Right-of-Ways - No sign except traffic and similar public safety signs, erected in accordance with this Section, Official Business Directional Signs erected in accordance with Section 508.18.K, and publicly erected information kiosks or sign boards shall be located in the public right-of-way of any street or highway.

4. Terminated Businesses - Signs relating to any business which has been out of business for more than six (6) months. The owner of the property or his agent shall be responsible for removing such signs.
5. Signs on Natural Features - No signs shall be permitted which are erected, painted or maintained upon trees, rocks, or other natural features, as stated under current State of Maine law.

508.19 Surface and Subsurface Excavation

- A. Purpose - The purpose of these standards is to regulate, in an environmentally sensitive manner, the removal, processing and storage of topsoil, loam, rock, sand, gravel, or other similar materials. These standards are intended to protect the public health, safety, and welfare and to minimize the impact to the Town and its people by:
 1. Protecting groundwater and surface water quality;
 2. Preventing the lowering of the groundwater table;
 3. Controlling erosion and sedimentation;
 4. Requiring rehabilitation of pit expansions and new pit operations; and
 5. Limiting access to sites by unauthorized persons.
- B. The following activities are exempt from this Section:
 1. Exploratory excavation whose sole purpose is the determination of the nature and/or extent of mineral resources. Any areas disturbed by such excavation shall be regraded to the original elevation.
 2. When outside the Shoreland Zoning Districts, the removal of less than two hundred (200) cubic yards of material (except topsoil) from or onto any lot in any one (1) year, provided such removal does not disturb more than one (1) acre of land. The removal of more than twenty (20) cubic yards of topsoil or loam from a site is not an exempt activity unless it is undertaken as part of an approved construction project, is part of normal farm operations or the topsoil or loam is being moved for use on a contiguous site having the same ownership. ¹
 3. The removal, filling or storage of material (excluding opening of gravel or borrow pit(s) incidental to construction, alteration, maintenance or repair of a building or the grading and landscaping incidental thereto.
 4. The removal, filling or storage of material (excluding opening of gravel or borrow pits) incidental to construction, alteration, maintenance or repair of a public or private way.
 5. The construction of farm and fire ponds.
 6. Drilling of a well or excavation for a dug well.
- C. Existing Excavated Areas, Expansions and Newly Proposed Excavations - Existing Excavated Areas whose boundaries are not expanded are not subject to the rehabilitation requirements of Section 508.19.G, unless a Reclamation Plan was required as a part of the issuance of a permit by the Planning Board or as part of a Department of Environmental Protection (D.E.P.) approval under the Site Location of Development Law.

¹ Amended 4-27-2002

