

Section 1. PURPOSES

The purposes of this Ordinance are to further the maintenance of safe and healthful conditions; to prevent and control water pollution; to protect fish spawning grounds, aquatic life, bird and other wildlife habitat; to protect buildings and lands from flooding and accelerated erosion; to protect archaeological and historic resources; to protect freshwater wetlands; to control building sites, placement of structures and land uses; to conserve shore cover, and visual as well as actual points of access to inland waters; to conserve natural beauty and open space; and to anticipate and respond to the impacts of development in shoreland areas.

Section 2. AUTHORITY

This Ordinance has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Title 38 Sections 435-449 of the Maine Revised Statutes Annotated (M.R.S.A.).

Section 3. APPLICABILITY

This Ordinance applies to all land areas within 250 feet, horizontal distance, of the normal high-water line of any great pond or river; within 250 feet, horizontal distance, of the upland edge of a freshwater wetland; and within 75 feet, horizontal distance, of the normal high-water line of a stream; and to all land areas within non-forested freshwater wetlands, as defined herein. [*Amended 7-7-09*]

This Ordinance also applies to any structure built on, over or abutting a dock, wharf or pier, or other structure extending or located below the normal high-water line of a water body or within a wetland. [*Adopted 1-19-2010*]

Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

- A. This Ordinance, which was passed by the Town Council on July 7, 2009 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 Town Clerk, shall be forwarded to the Commissioner for approval. If the Commissioner fails to act on this Ordinance within forty-five (45) days of his receipt of the Ordinance, it shall be deemed approved. Upon approval, the shoreland zoning ordinance previously adopted, and as amended from time to time, is repealed retroactively to the date otherwise applicable under the Town Charter; provided, notwithstanding any provisions of Maine law to the contrary, including but not limited to 1 M.R.S.A. Section 302, any application for a shoreland zoning permit submitted to the Town or any of its officers, boards or employees after August 7, 2009 shall be governed the terms hereof if the ordinance secures such approval by the Commissioner.
- B. Repeal of Timber Harvesting Regulation. The regulation of timber harvesting activities in this ordinance is repealed on the statutory date established under 38 M.R.S.A. section 438-A(5), at which time the State of Maine Department of Conservation's Bureau of Forestry shall administer timber harvesting standards in the shoreland zone. On the date established under 38 M.R.S.A section 438-A(5), the following provisions of this Ordinance are repealed: [*Adopted 7-7-09*]

Section 14 Table of Land Uses, Row 3 (Forest management activities except for timber harvesting) and Row 4 (Timber harvesting);

Section 15 N in its entirety; and

Section 17 Definitions, the definitions of “forest management activities” and “residual basal area”.