

PROSPECT PLANNING BOARD

PROSPECT COMMUNITY CLUB

THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2026

4:15 PM

PRESENT: KATHLEEN JENKINS, BECKY AMES, SANDY REYNOLDS, ARLINE LAMARCHE, LAURIE JONES, LOIS GIANNI, HENRI GIGNOUX

Jenkins called the meeting to order at 4:16 pm.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING FOR JULY 9, 2026:

Minutes from the meeting were sent to all members. Jones made a motion to accept the minutes of July 9, 2026, Reynolds seconded the motion. All others approved the motion, except Gianni & Gignoux who were not at that meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

N/A

OLD BUSINESS:

Update from Brandy Bridges (Select Board member) Regarding Blasing and Special Town Meeting:

- Jenkins received an email from Select Board member Brandy Bridges concerning Mining/Blasting. She was not able to attend the Public Hearing. The email had an attachment that was basically the Town of Alna's Blasting Ordinance, which Bridges requested and received from the Town Attorney. Bridges would like to see this implemented in the present Mining Ordinance which the Planning Board already made updates to and just went before the Town at a Public Hearing on May 28, 2026.
- Some concerns with the Alna Ordinance: The Planning Board is not and should not be involved in enforcement, the Planning Board does not give out permits, the Fire Dept., would do that per the State, the Alna Ordinance doesn't seem to be in compliance with the Prospect Comprehensive Plan, can we afford it, do we have the staff to enforce, liability, the State already has very strict rules and laws on blasting, and ANY blasting, foundation, etc., would need a Public Hearing.
- The Town has the ultimate say on changes to Ordinances
- The Planning Board will address an email to the Select Board with concerns.

NEW BUSINESS:

AI Data Center prohibition: State of Maine law that was vetoed by Governor Mills and Ordinances from other municipalities:

- The Town of York just passed an AI moratorium.
- There are many municipalities protesting any AI development.
- Shoults mentioned on June 11th, he would take responsibility to draft the Moratorium. He will use Brunswick's as a template. (We have not seen a draft yet).
- The Moratorium would give us time to see what the State is doing about AI.
- Jones had a copy of the State of Maine law that was vetoed by Mills. She also had a copy of what Data Centers are per Wikipedia.
- We will begin to research the complexities of the Maine Law and will consult with the Hydrogeologist about her recommendations.
- Jenkins will try to contact Golden and Mills now that the Jay mill is closed and see how that might affect the State of Maine Law and also is there a State Moratorium in the works?
- There should be a Moratorium ASAP.

OTHER:

N/A

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING:

The Planning Board meeting was adjourned at 5:48 pm.

The next regular meeting of the Planning Board will be on Thursday, August 13, 2026 at 4:15 pm at the Prospect Community Center.