**Cherryfield Planning Board**

The Cherryfield Planning Board is appointed by the Selectboard and includes 5 residents of Cherryfield. The Planning Board’s role is to ensure that land use and development in Cherryfield meets the requirements of the Land Use Ordinance adopted by voters of the town.

You can learn about the Land Use Ordinance, Shoreland Ordinance, the Historic District, and more on the Town website: **cherryfieldmaine.us/government/planning-board**.

The Planning Board reviews applications for building permits and land use permits. Permit applications can be picked up at the Town Office or downloaded from the Town website.

In 2024, the Planning Board reviewed and approved the following applications:

* 13 residential buildings or additions
* 3 commercial uses (retail, storage)
* 1 industrial use (solar)
* 2 institutional/educational uses (new deck/ramp, new building w/out plumbing)
* 1 resource-based use (campground)
* 2 driveway permits (residential)
* 1 demolition permit

The E-911 officer assigned 12 new addresses (10 residential, 2 industrial).

The purpose of the Cherryfield Land Use Ordinance is to:

* Promote the health, safety and general welfare of all residents of the community.
* Attract and support existing and future development.
* Minimize negative impacts of non-compatible uses.
* Protect the economic stability of the Town by ensuring that no project creates a negative effect on community property values, services, and facilities.
* Protect and maintain the historic character of the Town and areas of historic importance. Protect and conserve natural resources, such as wildlife habitat and clean water.
* Provide a clear, consistent, and impartial land use and development review process, and an opportunity for the public to hear about and comment upon new uses before they occur.

The Land Use Ordinance is developed and approved by Cherryfield citizens. Any proposed changes must go through a public review and vote. The Planning Board is currently updating the 2007 Land Use Ordinance for voter approval in 2025. The Board will hold public workshops on this topic and will post notices when these are scheduled.

The regular Planning Board meetings are open to the public and your input is welcome and encouraged on all Planning Board matters. **Meetings occur on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, at 6:00 pm at the Cherryfield Town Office.**

Contact us with questions at **CherryfieldPlanningBoard@gmail.com**.

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