DRAFT Minutes of the 26 August 2020 Clifton Maine Planning Board Special Meeting

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:02 p.m. in the town office building. Present were Chairperson Bruce Jellison, Vice Chairperson David Cogdell and members Julie LaVertue and Vern Campbell.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Upon a motion by Vern/Julie and unanimous vote, the minutes of the 5 August 2020 Planning Board meeting were approved as written.

The Board noted the receipt of a document from Craig O’Donnell advising of his and his family’s opposition to the Silver Maple Wind Project.

The Board discussed the recent Select Board amended “Meeting Rules of Procedure” regarding the conduct of Select Board, Planning Board and Appeals Board meetings. Among other changes, the document established a 2 minute limit for individuals from the public who wished to speak at a meeting although additional time could be granted at the Board’s discretion. The Planning Board discussed whether these rules applied to public hearings since a hearing, by its nature, is for public input. Upon a motion by David/Vern and unanimous vote, the Board decided that the 2 minute rule does not apply to Planning Board public hearings. Accordingly, the Planning Board’s previously approved 5 minute limit will apply at its public hearings.

Upon as motion by David/Vern and unanimous vote, the Board postponed the 2 September Silver Maple hearing due to the late receipt of the ZOOM equipment. A hearing date will be established at the regularly scheduled monthly board meeting on 2 September.

During the public comments portion of this meeting, former Select Board member Carol Jordan and SWEB representative Paul Fuller shared their views on issues relating to public hearings.

The Board, noting that a hearing on the Silver Maple project may not be legally required, will discuss whether to have a hearing which would allow the Board to proceed directly to the finding of fact portion of the permitting process.

Upon a motion by David/Julie and unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m. at which point the Board began a workshop to train on use of the ZOOM equipment.

Minutes prepared by Vice Chairperson David Cogdell