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RULES GOVERNING PUBLIC TESTIMONY BEFORE THE LAND USE REGULATION COMMISSION IN THE MATTER OF ZONING PETITION ZP 707

PLUM CREEK MAINE TIMBERLANDS, L.L.C. AND PLUM CREEK LAND COMPANY
CONCEPT PLAN PROPOSAL FOR THE MOOSEHEAD LAKE REGION

November 27, 2007

The Commission has set aside four full days to accept public testimony in this matter. Public hearing sessions have been scheduled in Augusta (Sunday, December 2nd), Portland (Saturday, December 15th) and Greenville (Saturday, December 1st and Sunday, December 16th). In order to accommodate the substantial public interest in this proposal in a fair and efficient manner, the Commission is establishing the following rules for each of these four sessions:

- The facilities at each venue will open to the public approximately one hour before the hearing begins. Speakers are encouraged to arrive early to notify LURC that they wish to testify.
- The Commission will accept testimony only during the hours designated for each public hearing, so individuals wishing to speak should arrive early to increase the chances that their number will be called before the hearing is adjourned.
- Each speaker will be permitted to testify only once during the four days of public sessions.
- Speakers will be asked to identify whether they are (1) in support, (2) in opposition, or (3) neither in support nor opposition to the proposal. Speakers will receive a numbered ticket upon arrival. At the appropriate time, the Commission Chair will call out ticket numbers in sequence and request that the identified speakers come forward to present their testimony. The Chair will rotate the calling out of ticket numbers to allow speakers in each of the three above categories to present testimony in roughly half-hour increments.
- Each speaker will be limited to three minute presentations (the Chair may amend the time allotted for individual presentations depending on the volume of speakers).

- Speakers wishing to submit documents to the Commission may do so at the time of their testimony. LURC staff will maintain a file containing all material submitted during public sessions, and the Commission will establish a deadline following the public sessions by which formal parties to the hearings may file an objection to any such material.
 - Upon testifying, speakers will be directed to LURC staff to provide their name and contact information.
 - Witnesses who pre-filed testimony relating to any topic on behalf of a formal party to the adjudicatory hearings in this matter, and whose testimony has been accepted into the record, will not be permitted to testify at the public sessions.
 - Individuals who are affiliated with formal parties to the adjudicatory hearings may testify at the public sessions only in their personal capacities, and not on behalf of a party.
 - A witness who attempted to submit pre-filed testimony on behalf of a party but whose testimony was stricken for procedural reasons, for example because it was untimely or improperly notarized, will be permitted to testify at the public sessions.
 - These sessions are an opportunity for the public to speak directly to the Commission regarding this petition for rezoning. This is an important part of the review process and the Commission takes seriously the information presented. Each session must be a civil and respectful forum where all speakers feel comfortable stating their point of view. Toward that end, signs, banners and the like may not be displayed inside the facility and those in attendance must refrain from applause, or otherwise expressing their approval or disapproval, in response to other presentations.
 - Attendees are strongly discouraged from bringing back-packs, duffel-bags, storage containers or similar items with them to the facility, and any such items will be subject to search at the door. No food, drink or potentially dangerous items will be allowed inside the facility. In order to comply with statutory provisions in the respective venues, no firearms will be allowed inside the facility.
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