

# City Planner



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## A Year in Review:

It is with great pleasure that I submit my annual report for the year ending December 31, 2001. This past year has been a busy and interesting one, as an active southern Maine real estate market has led to a number of development projects being submitted to the city for review. Recognition and thanks are due Planning Board members, including Chairman Neil Schuster, Vice Chairman Don Girouard, Peg Poulin, Bob Mohlin, Joe Moreshead, Kerry Green and Steve Dupuis for the time and effort they have volunteered.

A successful planning office relies on contributions from several departments within the City. Thanks are due to the individuals from the Code Enforcement Office, Public Works Department, the Fire and Police Departments, the Parks and Recreations Department, the Wastewater Treatment Plant and the city's consulting engineering firm, DeLuca Hoffman Associates who participate in the review of projects, thereby assuring that safe and well-planned development is the rule in Saco.

The Planning Office has been fortunate to be involved in a number of projects this year that will contribute to maintaining Saco's reputation as a leading community in Maine. Stabilizing the erosion problem at Camp Ellis is a primary goal for the City, and for the first time ever there is a firm commitment on the part of the Army Corps of Engineers to modify the jetty and rebuild the beach. A firm has been selected to develop a technology plan for the city, which will be completed in early 2002 and serve as a blueprint for this critical subject over the next few years. Negotiations with Time Warner were initiated as the life of the existing contract nears its end.

This year we welcomed Administrative Assistant Maggie Edwards and said goodbye to Veronica Labbe after eight years of service to this department.

## PLANNING BOARD PROJECTS

### Subdivision

Meadow Sweet 16 lot subdivision at 57 Shadegee Road  
Sawyer Brook—16 unit condo project on North Street  
Ocean Greens II—10 unit condo project  
Sierra Woods—50 lot subdivision on Buxton Road  
Stonegate—28 unit condo project at 56-62 Shadagee Road  
Spring Hill Expansion—Phase 3 Industrial Park  
Saco Commons—12 unit condo project at Cumberland Avenue and Ocean Park Road

### Site Plan

UNE Health Care Clinic—23,000 sq ft medical clinic  
Sweetser Office Building—36,000 sq ft office building  
Coastal Industrial—12,450 sq ft industrial/office building  
Subaru of NE—15,710 sq ft sales and service building  
Casco Bay Steel—8,400 sq ft addition  
Elliott Chamberlain—Self Storage facility at 1028 Portland Road  
Saco Middle School—Renovations, temporary classrooms  
Casco Indemnity—13,750 sq ft office building  
Vic's Appliance—6,000 sq ft warehouse  
Thornton Academy—8,400 sq ft field house  
Hannaford Bros—10,500 sq ft expansion  
B&S Country Club—driving range  
Doreen Metcalf—70'x144' riding arena and 10 stall horse barn  
Palco Air Cargo—39,500 sq ft parking lot addition  
Amtrak—Train Station Platform

### Street Acceptance

Sheila Circle  
Waycott Way  
Wedgewood Drive  
William Avenue