

GEORGE A. COURBRON JR. et al.

v.

TOWN OF GREENE

Submitted on Briefs October 23, 2003

Decided October 28, 2003

Panel: SAUFLEY, C.J., and CLIFFORD, RUDMAN, DANA, ALEXANDER,
CALKINS, and LEVY, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

George and Mary Anne Courbron appeal from a judgment entered in the Superior Court (Androscoggin County, *Gorman, J.*) affirming a decision of the Town of Greene Board of Appeals, which found that the Courbrons' change of use of their property without a written permit from the Code Enforcement Officer violated the Land Use and Shoreland Zoning Ordinances. Contrary to the contentions of the Courbrons, the Board did not abuse its discretion, commit an error of law, or make findings unsupported by substantial evidence in the record by determining that the Land Use Ordinance requires a written permit for a change of

use; that the Courbrons failed to obtain a written permit; that an oral approval by the CEO was insufficient; that the Courbrons did not reasonably rely upon the oral approval; and that the change of use was prohibited by the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance. *See Griffin v. Town of Dedham*, 2002 ME 105, ¶ 7, 799 A.2d 1239, 1242 (reviewing the interpretation of an ordinance de novo, construing it reasonably with regard to the objectives and structure of the ordinance as a whole, and giving weight to the agency's interpretation of the ordinance it administers); *Shackford & Gooch, Inc. v. Town of Kennebunk*, 486 A.2d 102, 106 (Me. 1984) (finding that the town was not equitably estopped from enforcing an ordinance because the owner's reliance on the building inspector's statement was not reasonable).

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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