

# Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

## October 24, 2017 5:00 P.M.

**Board Members Present:** Gregory R. Watkins, Chairman; Glenn R. Zaidman; Vice-Chairman; Robert P. Murphy; G. Frederick Packard; Robert J. McHatton, Sr.

**Administration Present:** Deputy Town Manager Georgiann Fleck; Deputy Town Clerk Samantha Eichel; Code Enforcement Officer Robert Baker; Public Works Director Jim Kidder; Fire Chief, Stephen Fay

1. Call to Order  
Chairman Watkins called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.
2. Pledge of Allegiance  
The Board recited the "Pledge of Allegiance."
5. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Sept. 26, 2017  
**Motion** was made by Selectman Packard to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes from Sept. 26, 2017; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman McHatton. 5 approve/0 oppose
6. Public Comments and Presentations on Non-Agenda Items (Each speaker may be limited to 3 minutes.)  
There were no public comments or presentation
5. Committee Reports  
There was no committee report.
6. Old Business (Board of Selectmen Discussion Only)  
There was no old business discussed.
7. Correspondence and Other Pertinent Information
  - a. Upgrades to Pondicherry Park  
Thomas Perkins, Executive Director, Loon Echo Land Trust presented to the Board a request for authorization and financial support in the amount of \$8,554.00 for reconstruction of 4,800 feet of forested trail running alongside Stevens and Mill Brooks. Loon Echo Land Trust and Pondicherry Park Committee would like to make this part of the trail more accessible for individuals with limited mobility. Discussion ensued between the Board of Selectmen and Mr. Perkins. No action was taken. There will be a workshop with all parties involved scheduled after the first of the year.
  - b. Perley Mills Community Forest  
Thomas Perkins, Executive Director, Loon Echo Land Trust requested the Town of Bridgton consider accepting a gift of 550 acres from the Town of Denmark. Loon Echo Land Trust originally acquired and gifted 1488 acres of land to Denmark. 550 acres of the 1488 are within the Town of Bridgton. Mr. Perkins outlined the benefit of accepting this gift and answered questions from the Board of Selectmen. **Motion** was made by Selectman Packard to have the Town use the forester who did the work for Sabatis Island review the property, determine the benefits to the Town and revisit the issue after his findings; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice-Chairman Zaidman. 5 approve/0 oppose
  - c. Resignation of Phyllis Roth from Community Development Committee  
**Motion** was made by Selectman McHatton to accept Phyllis Roth's resignation from the Community Development Committee; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Packard. 5 approve/0 oppose

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8. New Business

a. Awards and Other Administrative Recommendations

1. Repairs to Town Office Roof

Jeff Frye, the Town's Clerk of the Works, addressed the Board regarding work that needs to be done on the Municipal Complex before snow. Discussion ensued with Board of Selectmen and Mr. Frye. **Motion** was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to approve expenditures up to \$20,000.00 for repairs to the Town Complex roof; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Murphy. 5 approve/0 oppose

2. Request for Liquor License Extension; Bear Bones Beer, Inc.

Eben Dingman, representing Bear Bones Beer, Inc. requested to close off a portion of the parking lot at their location and use it as seating and an entertainment area with full services during special events. They are not asking for overall capacity to be increase. Discussion ensued. **Motion** was made by Selectman McHatton to approve the Liquor License extension for Bear Bones Beer Inc., with stipulations, review of extension upon renewal of license by the Board and with sewer allocation to be paid in full by landlord/property owner; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman McHatton. 5 approve/0 oppose

3. Confirmation of Town Clerk's Appointment for Warden on November 7, 2017

**Motion** was made by Selectman McHatton to approve the appointment of Marita Wiser as Warden for the November 7, 2017 General and Referendum Election; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Packard. 5 approve/0 oppose

b. Permits/Documents Requiring Board Approval

1. Sewer Commitment of Sewer User Rates Commitment #195

**Motion** was made by Selectman McHatton to approve Sewer User Rates Commitment #195; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice-Chairman Zaidman. 5 approve/0 oppose

2. Municipal Valuation Return

**Motion** was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to sign the 2017 Municipal Valuation Return; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Packard, 5 approve/0 oppose

c. Selectmen's Concerns

**Selectman McHatton** expressed concern for the trees and grass on Depot Street.

**Selectman Packard** had no concerns.

**Selectman Murphy** stated this would be the last week to visit the Farmers Market outside.

**Vice-Chairman Zaidman** would like Town Manager Peabody to look into how maintance is paid out and what the agreement with BRAG is for maintenance of the fields.

**Chairman Watkins** wanted to thank Public Works for the hard work with the fall projects. He also wanted to remind the public of Trunk or Treat, free and open to everyone Saturday 1-4 rain or shine.

d. Town Manager's Report/Deputy Town Manager's Report

**TOWN OF BRIDGTON  
DEPUTY TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT  
October 24, 2017**

**Financial**

Before you tonight is **September's Revenue and Expenditure Summary Report**. As you will note, the benchmark is 25.00% for the month. Revenues are at 37.24% and Expenditures are at 30.64%

Charisse Keach, Finance Officer, is pleased to report that the Town of Bridgton's **Worker's Compensation** experience mod has consistently been decreasing since 2015 from 1.84% to currently 1.09%.

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### Public Works

The **cemetery fence** is currently being installed at **Forest Hills Cemetery Annex** on Kansas Road and is expected to be completed today.

Last week the County Workers did general clean-up and re-established the walk trail on Sabatis Island. They are due back this coming Thursday and Friday to continue work on Sabatis Island and begin clean-up at Salmon Point depending on the weather.

The Public Works crew is in the process of preparing for the upcoming **winter** by prepping the trucks and stock piling winter sand.

### Recreation

The annual **Halloween Party** is a family fun event held at the Town Hall on Tuesday the 31<sup>st</sup> from 5:30p.m. to 8:00p.m. Come before or after trick or treating. There will be games, food and contests. RSVP online and enter for a chance to win great prizes!

Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade **basketball** starts Saturday November 4th at Lake Region Middle School. To ensure your child gets a basketball and shirt on the first day please register as soon as possible.

The 4<sup>th</sup> annual **Thanksgiving Day Exercise Classes, SWEAT and Zumba**, will be offered on Thursday November 23<sup>rd</sup> and is free of charge. 8:00a.m. for SWEAT and 9:15a.m. for Zumba. Get out and get active with your family and friends before Thanksgiving Day dinner!!

**SWEAT fitness** starts early this year! Beginning Tuesday November 28<sup>th</sup> at the Town Hall at 6:00p.m.! Weekly until spring and yes classes are still free!!

Bridgton Recs newest program "**French Club**" starts Wednesday November 1<sup>st</sup> right after school for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders. The cost is \$10.00 and is an opportunity to learn about French culture, language and cuisine.

End of year **soccer party and juggle-a-thon fundraiser** will be Thursday November 2<sup>nd</sup> at Harmon Field. Athletes will juggle a soccer ball to raise money for the Bridgton soccer program.

Registrations are currently being accepted for the annual **Magic of Christmas** adult trip on Friday December 8th. The Cost is \$40 which includes ticket, transportation and a buffet. Registration deadline is November 25<sup>th</sup>.

Mark your calendars for the annual **Festival of Lights** on Saturday December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Holiday party at 4:30p.m., tree lighting at 5:10p.m., parade at 5:30p.m. and Santa Clause at the Bridgton Community Center at 6:30p.m.

**Registrations can be done online** by going to [www.bridgtonmaine.org](http://www.bridgtonmaine.org) and then to "Recreation" under "Play" and follow the directions from there. Time and space is limited on the above events and classes so please register early. Paper registration forms are still available at the Town Office. If you have any questions you may contact Gary Colello, Recreation Director at 647-1126.

### Fire Department

**Engine 5** is scheduled for lettering, numbers and graphics this coming Friday.

The Fire Chief would like to commend all who responded to or covered station assignments for the fire last Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at **16 Merriweather Lane**. An outstanding effort by everyone averted a loss of the structure.

### Grant Writer

George Szok, Grant Writer, has submitted 3 **grant** requests, 6 NEW foundations have been contacted and planning for a 4 town 2018 **Broadband Planning Grant** has begun by contacting Harrison, Naples, Casco & Denmark Town Managers.

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## General

I recently received a call from a citizen who expressed concerns about an individual who was representing themselves as an employee of the Town of Bridgton doing research on selected structures. If a representative from the Town is out in the field they are issued a **photo ID** which must be displayed. Currently Derik Goodine, is conducting a survey for the proposed wastewater project and he has been issued a photo ID.

**Elm Street, Chase Street and Iredale Street will be closed on Halloween evening** the 31<sup>st</sup> beginning at 5:00p.m. until approximately 9:00p.m. for the safety of our trick or treaters, a small yet important group, of the 41 million children expected to trick-or-treat this year in the United States. Have fun and stay safe!

Respectfully submitted,  
Georgiann M. Fleck  
Deputy Town Manager

### 9. Treasurer's Warrants

**Motion** was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to approve Treasurer's Warrants numbered 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 and 36; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman McHatton. 5 approve/0 oppose

### 10. MSAD #61

The Board of Selectman will be meeting at Bridgton Memorial School on Thursday, Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

11. Public Comments and Presentations on Non-Agenda Items (Each speaker may be limited to 3 minutes.)

There was no public comments or presentation.

### 12. Dates for the Next Board of Selectmen's Meeting and/or Workshop

- November 9, 2017 Workshop
- November 14, 2017
- November 28, 2017
- December 12, 2017
- December 26, 2017

### 13. Adjourn

Chairman Watkins adjourned the meeting at 6:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Samantha Eichel  
Deputy Town Clerk