

Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

August 22, 2017; 5:00 P.M.

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

Administration Present: Deputy Town Manager Georgiann Fleck; Town Clerk Laurie Chadbourne; Fire Chief Steve Fay; Public Works Director Jim Kidder

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."

3. Approval of Minutes

a. August 8, 2017

Motion was made by Selectman Packard for approval of the minutes from the August 8, 2017 Board meeting; second from Selectman Murphy. 5 approve/0 oppose

4. Public Comments and Presentations

Deb Brusini commented that the new website looks great, is laid out well and easy to follow. She reported a few glitches and asked who she should contact with concerns or suggestions to which Chairman Watkins directed her to the Town Manager or Deputy Town Manager.

5. Committee Reports

a. CDC Chairman Appointment

Chairman Watkins reported that Carmen Lone was appointed by the Committee as the Chairman of the Community Development Committee.

6. Old Business

a. Discussion of Town Hall Front Door

Motion was made by Selectman McHatton to take this item off the table; second from Selectman Packard. 5 approve/0 oppose The requested information is not yet available. **Motion** was made by Selectman McHatton to table this item to the next meeting on September 12th; second from Vice-Chairman Zaidman. 5 approve/0 oppose

7. Correspondence and Other Pertinent Information

a. Salmon Point Policy; Kathy Hoyt

Paul Hoyt was present and requested that the Town Policy for Salmon Point 50 AMP service be reviewed and also requested a waiver of the \$358 installation charge. Discussion ensued. **Motion** was made by Selectman McHatton to table this request, with the charge on hold, to allow the Town Manager time to review the policy and gather additional information; second from Vice-Chairman Zaidman. 5 approve/0 oppose

8. New Business

a. Awards and Other Administrative Recommendations

1. Victualer's License to Bear Bones Beer

Motion was made by Selectman Packard to approve a Victualer's License to Bear Bones Beer; second from Selectman Murphy. 5 approve/0 oppose

2. Accept Payment and Approve Quit Claim Deed

Motion was made by Selectman McHatton to accept payment and approve a Municipal Quitclaim Deed to Kathleen Griffith Michaels for property described as Map 5 Lot 19 Town of Bridgton Tax Maps; second from Selectman Packard. 5 approve/0 oppose

Ms. Griffith Michaels stated that she will work to keep her taxes current and thanked the Board for their consideration on this matter.

b. Permits/Documents Requiring Board Approval

There were no permits or documents requiring Board approval.

c. Selectmen's Concerns

- **Selectman McHatton** noted that many residents requested that the prior year budgeted amount be included on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant and suggested that the Board discuss this during the budget process.
- **Selectman McHatton** suggested that the Board discuss both options of presenting ordinances and/or amendments to ordinances to the voters at open town meeting or via referendum.
- **Selectman McHatton** reported that Community Development Director Knight will be bringing forth a town wide zoning ordinance to the voters in June of 2018 and if approved, will then incorporate the zoning by amending applicable ordinances for voter consideration in November 2018.
- **Selectman Packard** had no concerns.
- **Vice-Chairman Zaidman** asked for a status update on the Depot Street trees that need to be replaced. Public Works Director Kidder will follow up and report back to the Board.
- **Vice-Chairman Zaidman** voiced concerns regarding the water drainage on Depot Street to which Public Works Director Kidder will follow up and report back to the Board.
- **Vice-Chairman Zaidman** voiced concerns regarding the weeds between the bricks and mortar joints in the sidewalks on Main Street. He suggested rubberized sand. Public Works Director Kidder will review various options and report back to the Board.
- **Vice-Chairman Zaidman** received an email regarding the trees in the Highland Lake Beach area that need to be removed. This item will be added to a future agenda for Board discussion.
- **Chairman Watkins** noted that his sidewalk concerns have already been addressed and requested that the sidewalk grass be trimmed in the area on North High Street as you approach Creamery Street.
- **Chairman Watkins** requested that the Code Enforcement Officer review the signage and flags on Main Street for compliance with the Sign Ordinance.

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

Deputy Town Manager Fleck submitted and read the following report into the record:

**“TOWN OF BRIDGTON
DEPUTY TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT
August 22, 2017**

Bridgton Fire Department

Painting on Engine 5 is complete with a final buffing. Tomorrow the compartment doors will be reattached which takes up to 3 people due to weight and the approximately 500 nuts and bolts. If all goes well, the truck should be back in Bridgton sometime later this week.

Chief Fay would like to thank Deborah Ogle for her donation of a portable display board valued at \$1,500 and a podium cabinet valued at \$300. These items will be used both internally and externally for training, fire prevention and public outreach. Chief Fay would also like to thank John England, Administration Manager of North Windham Lowe's for their donation of a Rubbermaid Outdoor Storage Shed which will help streamline the waste removal process.

Wastewater Project

On Monday, August 21st Bob Peabody, Town Manager, and key officials met with Brent Bridges from Woodard and Curran along with representatives from Rural Development to discuss funding for the proposed wastewater project. In concluding the meeting sampling of Stevens Brook is almost complete and the income survey has begun. Rural Development is exploring viable options for funding.

Town of Bridgton Branding - Black Fly Media

On Monday, August 21st there was an event held at the Magic Lantern to unveil the intensive work that Black Fly Media did to “brand” and promote the Town of Bridgton with 160+ people registered for the event. Opening speeches were made by Bob Peabody, Town Manager and Greg Watkins, Chair of the Select Board which migrated into a viewing of a promotional video on the big screen created by Black Fly Media (which is now available for viewing on the Town of Bridgton website at www.bridgtonmaine.org) Diana Nelson, representative of Black Fly Media, concluded the event with a closing speech. All attendees got to leave with a “swag bag” which included a bumper sticker and post card. Photos of the promotional posters were posted on a private community page receiving over 3,000 views. There are bumper stickers and postcards available on the table beside the door so please don’t hesitate to take one to share our new logo “*Love Always, Bridgton Maine*”

Town of Bridgton Website

The Town of Bridgton’s website www.bridgtonmaine.org is currently in the process of being updated. So please be patient as we transition and transfer information from the old site to the new improved site.

Sabattis Island

The contracted tree work on Sabattis Island has been completed as of today. The Public Works Crew will be going in within a few days to begin clean-up and prepare the picnic areas for use. Currently the island remains closed until the clean-up has been completed.

Financials

Before you tonight is **July’s Revenue and Expenditure Summary Report**. As you will note, the benchmark is 8.33% for the month. Revenues are at 8.34% and Expenditures are at 8.25%

Respectfully submitted,
Georgiann M. Fleck
Deputy Town Manager”

9. Treasurer’s Warrant

Motion was made by Selectman McHatton to approve Treasurer’s Warrants numbered 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18; second from Selectman Murphy. 5 approve/0 oppose

10. MSAD #61

Chairman Watkins reported that he attended the public hearing with the Sebago Withdrawal Committee which was led by legal representation on both sides. The request will go back to the State and then to the voting members of Sebago which will require a two-thirds approval to withdraw from MSAD 61.

Chairman Watkins and Town Manager Peabody are organizing a meeting with the Superintendent and Chairman of the School Board to discuss Bridgton concerns.

11. Public Comments and Presentations on Non-Agenda Items

There were no public comments or presentations on non-agenda items.

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

September 12, 2017

September 26, 2017

13. Adjourn

Chairman Watkins adjourned the meeting at 5:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie L. Chadbourne
Town Clerk