

Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2018; 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: Town Manager Robert Peabody; Deputy Town Manager Georgiann Fleck; Town Clerk Laurie Chadbourne; Public Works Director Jim Kidder; Fire Chief Steve 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."

3. Approval of Minutes

a. January 30, 2018

b. February 1, 2018

Motion was made by Selectman Packard for approval of the minutes from the January 30, 2018 and February 1, 2018 Board Meetings; second from Selectman Murphy. 5 approve/0 oppose

4. Public Comments and Presentations on Non-Agenda Items

George Mozek was present and read the following into the record: "Dear Robert, 8 Brewster Circle is my home. I live here permanently and have since June of 2017. I came here to start a new life. The current situation was a result of a challenging personal life situation that has been ongoing since late 2015 as well as the failure of the US Postal Service to forward my mail to my Bridgton PO Box from my previous address when I moved. My personal life issues caused many distractions and I'm sure others who have gone through similar situations would agree how it can result in poor judgement. My work requires me to travel frequently, and I work long hours, otherwise I would be present on February 27th to present myself. Yes, I knew I owed back taxes. I have made 4000 dollars in payments as well as the initial tax payment when the property was purchased in December of 2014. I didn't understand or have any communication as to the severity of this situation. The irony is I have been right here since June of 2017. I was finally notified of this situation on February 8th via email and was in the office meeting you and Laurie the next day. On Tuesday, February 13th, less than a week of gaining knowledge of the status, I presented a cashier's check for all back taxes owed and including full payment of 2018. Rest assured that this situation will never happen again. Both parties can communicate via phone, email and regular mail as you have my updated information. My sincerest apologies for the inconvenience this may have caused the town. I do understand shared responsibility of a community and hope I can use my talents to enrich the town of Bridgton. I ask that the town accept this payment and allow me to continue building a life in this glorious town. It is a win/win situation for all involved. Most sincerely, George Mozek" **Motion** was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to accept payment and approve a Municipal Quit Claim Deed to E.O.M., Inc. for property described as Map 12, Lot 46A-8 Town of Bridgton Tax Maps; second from Selectman Packard. 5 approve/0 oppose

5. Committee Reports

There were no committee reports.

6. Correspondence and Other Pertinent Information

a. Electronic Signs Presentation and Correspondence

Town Manager Peabody provided the Board with the FY '16-'17 Budget Development Sheet #856-8-9052 stating LED Changeable Sign \$12,000, Carry Forward Request FY '17 to FY '18 and the Meeting Minutes of November 22, 2016. He added that in light of the recent emails in opposition of an electronic sign at the Town Hall, he has been reviewing alternatives. Selectman McHatton does not support signage at that location since information is readily available via the internet now. Consensus of the Board was to direct the Town Manager to proceed with exploring alternate options and present that information at the next meeting. Selectman McHatton was opposed to this directive.

7. New Business

a. Awards and Other Administrative Recommendations

1. Review of Committees

The Board received rosters for standing committees. Consensus of the Board was to review the rosters after receiving the recommendations back from GPCOG.

2. Depot Street Grass Area

Town Manager Peabody had no additional information regarding the Depot Street grass. Discussion ensued regarding alternatives. The Board directed the Town Manager and Public Works Director to gather additional information on stamped concrete, artificial turf and pebble for review at their next meeting.

3. CDBG Project Discussion

Town Manager Peabody reviewed the Community Development Grant Funds Program Year 2018-19 schedule as follows:

Friday, November 10, 2017: Release of 2018 Applications

Tuesday, December 12, 2017 & Thursday, December 14, 2017: 10am Mandatory Workshop

Monday, January 22, 2018: Applications Due by 4pm for public services/public infrastructure list & cost estimates generated

Wednesday, January 24, 2018: Deadline to give applications to CDC for review

Wednesday, February 7, 2018: CDC applicants "Open Mic"

Wednesday, February 21, 2018: CDC recommendations for public services/staff recommendations to BOS on infrastructure projects

Tuesday, March 13, 2018: 5pm BOS review of CDBG proposed projects

Tuesday, March 27, 2018: BOS recommendations for CDBG funding

Wednesday, March 28, 2018: Submission of Project selections to the County

Town Manager Peabody reviewed three projects under Public Infrastructure/Facilities: Harmon Ballfield Snack Shack for \$45,000; Skating Rink Improvements for \$35,000; and Lower Main Street Rebuild for \$45,000. Selectman McHatton asked for the total amount of CDBG funding to which Town Manager Peabody responded that the total amount dedicated to bricks and mortar is \$185,000 [\$125,000 for projects, \$30,000 for administration, and \$25,000 for services].

Vice-Chairman Zaidman asked what happens if Town Meeting does not approve the additional funding from tax dollars to which Town Manager Peabody responded that the CDBG funds would be repurposed to current projects that needed additional funding and the rest would be carried into bricks and mortar for next year.

Selectman Murphy requested that discussion of the snack shack be put on hold until after the wastewater meeting on Thursday.

Chairman Watkins asked where the cost estimates came from to which Town Manager Peabody responded that the snack shack was designed and costed out by a professional company (Chick Lumber).

Chairman Watkins asked if the ice skating rink is used enough to warrant investing these funds to which Town Manager Peabody responded that the building is used for the day camp program in the summer and as a public skating rink in the winter. Public Works Director Kidder added that usage of the ice rink has decreased due to the inability to keep the ice frozen during the winter months. It used to be open almost every day and would have fifty to seventy five people visiting daily. It was heavily used by the public, hockey teams and for birthday parties.

Chairman Watkins asked what would happen if funds are allocated to a project and the bids come in higher to which Town Manager Peabody responded that the project does not move forward or the Board uses contingency funds for the difference.

b. Permits/Documents Requiring Board Approval

1. Accept Payment and Approve Municipal Quitclaim Deed to Howard Tucker (Map 26, Lot 45)

Motion was made by Selectman Packard to accept payment and approve a Municipal Quit Claim Deed for Howard J. Tucker for property described as Map 26 Lot 45 Town of Bridgton Tax Maps; second from Vice-Chairman Zaidman. 5 approve/0 oppose

2. Victualer's License to Off the Wall

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to approve a Victualer's License for Carl Dittrich dba Off the Wall; second from Selectman McHatton. 5 approve/0 oppose

3. Abatements and Supplements

The Board received a list of tax abatements and supplements being recommended by the Assessor's Agent:

ABATEMENTS

Tax Year	Abate No.	Type	Account No.	Map/Lot	Owner	Abated Value	Abated Tax	Reason	
2017	17-10	RE	3521	27/30	Jenny Stone	\$48,421.00	\$740.84	The building value was adjusted to reflect its current condition.	
2014	14-35	PP	0236	0/0	Ivy Jordan	\$550.00	\$7.73	The business can no longer be found in Bridgton.	
2015	15-20	PP	0236	0/0	Ivy Jordan	\$550.00	\$7.56	The business can no longer be found in Bridgton.	
2016	16-24	PP	0236	0/0	Ivy Jordan	\$550.00	\$8.17	The business can no longer be found in Bridgton.	
2017	17-11	PP	0236	0/0	Ivy Jordan	\$550.00	\$8.42	The business can no longer be found in Bridgton.	
2008	08-44	PP	0173	0/0	Healing Bridge Therapeutic Massage	\$3,682.00	\$44.81	The business can no longer be found in Bridgton.	
2009	09-54	PP	0173	0/0	Healing Bridge Therapeutic Massage	\$5,000.00	\$59.95	The business can no longer be found in Bridgton.	
2010	10-52	PP	0173	0/0	Healing Bridge Therapeutic Massage	\$5,000.00	\$61.00	The business can no longer be found in Bridgton.	
2011	11-39	PP	0173	0/0	Healing Bridge Therapeutic Massage	\$5,000.00	\$63.50	The business can no longer be found in Bridgton.	
2012	12-42	PP	0173	0/0	Healing Bridge Therapeutic Massage	\$5,250.00	\$68.77	The business can no longer be found in Bridgton.	
2013	13-47	PP	0173	0/0	Healing Bridge Therapeutic Massage	\$5,500.00	\$74.41	The business can no longer be found in Bridgton.	
2014	14-36	PP	0173	0/0	Healing Bridge Therapeutic Massage	\$5,500.00	\$77.33	The business can no longer be found in Bridgton.	
2015	15-21	PP	0173	0/0	Healing Bridge Therapeutic Massage	\$5,500.00	\$75.63	The business can no longer be found in Bridgton.	
2016	16-25	PP	0173	0/0	Healing Bridge Therapeutic Massage	\$5,500.00	\$81.68	The business can no longer be found in Bridgton.	
2017	17-12	PP	0173	0/0	Healing Bridge Therapeutic Massage	\$5,500.00	\$84.15	The business can no longer be found in Bridgton.	
GRAND TOTALS							\$102,053.00	\$1,463.94	

SUPPLEMENTS

TAX YEAR	NO.	TYPE	ACCT NO.	OWNER	TAXABLE VALUE	TAX/PENALTY	REASON
2017	17-04	PP	0425	Michael Coppi	\$22,730	\$347.77	Failed to pay excise tax on trailer.
2017	17-05	PP	0382	Matthew J. Tatarczuk	\$7,760	\$118.73	Failed to pay excise tax on trailer.

10. MSAD 61

There was no information regarding MSAD 61.

11. Public Comments and Presentations on Non-Agenda Items

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

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

- Feb 15, 2018 at 5:00 P.M. Workshop Session to Discuss Wastewater/Streetscape
- February 22, 2018 at 4:00 P.M. – First Budget Workshop
- February 27, 2018
- March 13, 2018

Chairman Watkins reviewed the Annual Town Meeting Timeline for nomination papers.

Chairman Watkins recessed the meeting to 6:30 P.M. to allow time to sign the documents before entering into executive session.

13. Executive Session

a. Per MRS Title 1, Section 405.6.C: Land Acquisition

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to enter into executive session at 6:32 P.M. per MRS Title 1, Section 405.6.C. for discussion of land acquisition; second from Selectman Packard.
5 approve/0 oppose

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to exit executive session at 6:59 P.M.; second from Selectman Packard. 5 approve/0 oppose

b. Per MRS Title 1, Section 405.6.D: Bridgton Community Center Agreement

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to enter into executive session at 7:00 P.M. per MRS Title 1, Section 405.6.D. for discussion of the Bridgton Community Center Agreement; second from Selectman McHatton. 5 approve/0 oppose

Motion was made by Selectman McHatton to exit executive session at 7:43 P.M.; second from Vice-Chairman Zaidman. 5 approve/0 oppose

14. Action Items Following Executive Session

There were no action items following executive session.

15. Adjourn

Chairman Watkins adjourned the meeting at 7:43 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie L. Chadbourne
Town Clerk