

Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

May 22, 2018; 4:30 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; Deputy Town Clerk Suzzanah Forsythe; Public Works Director Jim Kidder; Fire Chief Steve Fay; Police Chief Richard Stillman

1. Call to Order

Chairman Watkins called the meeting to order at 4:30 P.M.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Board recited the "Pledge of Allegiance."

3. Executive Session

Per MRS Title 1, Section 405.6.A; Personnel Matters

Motion made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to go into Executive Session at 4:32 P.M. pursuant to MRS Title 1, Section 405.6.A: Town Manager Evaluation; seconded by Selectman Packard. Selectman came out of Executive Session with **motion** made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman; seconded by Selectman Packard. 5 approve/0 oppose.

4. Approval of Minutes

a. May 8, 2018

Motion made by Selectman McHatton to approve the minutes from May 8, 2018; seconded by Vice-Chairman Zaidman. 5 approve/0 oppose.

5. Public Comments and Presentations on Non-Agenda Items

Bill Vincent came to the podium to express his concern for priority of re-paving of the Transfer Station. He also asked why the Public Works Parking lot was a priority to pave; Jim Kidder clarified that it was for proper drainage and fix any pot holes in the parking lot.

6. Committee Reports

Hearing none, Chairman Watkins moved onto next item.

7. Correspondence and Other Pertinent Information

a. Request for Road Closure from Bridgton Library

Amy Stone came to the podium on behalf of the Community Band and Bridgton Public Library to clarify to the Select board that this closure will allow additional safe seating for the audience. The Rufus Potter museum has also allowed them to use their lawn during the events. **Motion** made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to approve the closure of Church Street between Main Street and Fowler Street as well as the nine (9) parking spaces on Main Street between Church and Cottage Streets on Wednesday, July 11th, 18th and 25th between 6:00 P.M. and 9:00 P.M.; seconded by Selectman Murphy. 5 approve/0 oppose.

b. Correspondence from Town of Denmark; Perley Mills Community Forest

Chairman Watkins read the letter from the Denmark Town Manager requesting a meeting with the Select board and Loon Echo Land Trust to talk about the annual payment of taxes Denmark pays to Bridgton for the portion of Perley Mills Community Forest situated in Bridgton. **Motion** made by Selectman Packard to schedule a joint meeting at Bridgton on an agreed upon date; seconded by Vice-Chairman Zaidman. 5 approve/0 oppose.

8. New Business

- a. Awards and Other Administrative Recommendations
Hearing none, Chairman Watkins moved to the next item.

- b. Permits/Documents Requiring Board Approval
1. Victualer's License (Renewals)

a. Beth's Kitchen Café; Breakroom 248; Bridgton House of Pizza; The Gazebo; Lakeside Pines; Punkin Valley Inn; Tarry-A-While; Tom's Homestead

Motion made by Selectman McHatton to approve a Victualer's License Renewal for Beth's Kitchen Café; Breakroom 248; Bridgton House of Pizza; The Gazebo; Lakeside Pines; Punkin Valley Inn; Tarry-A-While; Tom's Homestead; seconded by Vice-Chairman Zaidman. Selectman McHatton also would like to see it called Business Property Tax instead of Personal Property Tax. 5 approve/0 oppose.

- b. Sewer Commitment # 207; Route 1

Motion made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to commit the January 1, 2018 to March 31, 2018 Sewer User Rate Commitment #207 comprising 2 pages totaling \$8,496.47 to the Treasurer for collection; seconded by Selectman Packard. 5 approve/0 oppose.

- c. Selectman's Concerns

Selectman McHatton voiced concerns about temporary speed bumps on the road crossing at the Highland Lake Parking lot to the Beach from Memorial Day to Labor Day; Public Works Director Kidder let them know that he has made highlighted crosswalks and has middle signs that they can use. He also advised the Board that the temporary speed bumps are usually made of a hard plastic, and are anchored in somehow.

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to place temporary speed bumps; seconded by Selectman McHatton. 5 approve/0 oppose.

Vice-Chairman Zaidman made a **motion** to send a letter to MDOT regarding the streetlight, second by Selectman Packard. 5 approve/0 oppose.

Chairman Watkins mentioned that he received positive feedback regarding the work being done on Highland road. Also the great work being done to the new swim shack put together by a young lady in the Girl Scouts.

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

TOWN OF BRIDGTON
DEPUTY TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT
May 22, 2018

General Government

Rose Nelson representing Senator Collins' Office will be at the Town Office in the Downstairs Meeting Room, 10 Iredale Street, Bridgton, on Monday, June 11, 2018, 9:30a.m. to 10:30a.m., to give citizens an opportunity to stop in to express concerns and comments.

Asher Yusin from the University of Maine at Orono will be our student intern this summer beginning on May 29th He is an International Affairs Major with a Minor in Political Science. He will be assisting with database development and GIS.

Fire Department

Fire Chief Steve Fay would like to take this opportunity to thank Patricia Webber for the donation of the 911 locator switches and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Krupp for the donation of a new sectional sofa for Station #1.

At the Annual Fire Department Banquet on April 28th the following individuals were recognized:

Rookie Firefighter of the Year – Mike Rand

Most Improved Firefighter - Dalton Hulsey

Firefighter of the Year – Adam Cook

Officer of the Year – Captain Nathan Frank

Randy King Award – William Morrisseau for his long term dedication

Robert Allen Community Service Award – Ernest Field for his continuing furtherance of the fire service in Bridgton

Congratulations to Deputy Chief Paul Field on the completion of his Ten Forty One NFPA pro-board Instructor I and II certifications. This required Paul to attend school every Wednesday for 16 weeks following work.

This past weekend 4 Fire Department members attended a 25 hour Rapid Intervention Team Training (RIT) in Fryeburg. Chief Fay would like to thank Deputy Chief Paul Field, Deputy Chief Eric Field and Captain Brad Vincent for their attendance to this “Train the Trainer” program which will be utilized to train our members in Bridgton.

Please DO NOT access a fire alarm panel when an alarm is activated. The Fire Department uses information in a panel once the alarm has been transmitted. Going into the alarm panel prior to Fire Department arrival may be considered tampering and is a Class E offense.

Changes made by the Maine Forest Service include fire class conversion from numeric, 1,2,3,4 and 5, to a defined index, Low, Medium, High, Very High and Extreme, and Bridgton’s zone changed from #3 to #9. Burn permits will not be issued above a “Medium” classification.

Police Department

The new Park Ranger, Brandan George, began patrolling Town Beaches and Parks this month. This position is a seasonal 40 hour a week position. You may see Brandan biking, walking or trucking from location to location wearing khaki pants and a black shirt identifying him as Park Ranger for the Town of Bridgton.

Public Works

Paving on the Burnham Road has been completed. Over the next few weeks driveways and road shoulders will be finished. Swim floats, boats docks and swim buoys are currently being installed. All the cemeteries are being prepared for Memorial weekend. We realize that this past winter was hard on the grass so it is sparse. Veteran’s Memorial Park, located in the center of Town, is currently being worked on.

Respectfully submitted,
Georgiann M. Fleck
Deputy Town Manager

9. Old Business (Board of Selectmen Discussion Only)

a. Recycling Committee

The Recycling Committee came to the podium (Kate Fitzcharles, Maureen McDevitt, and Sally Chappell) to suggest we look into using the pay per bag program; this would help bring in revenue and even out the cost from personal to contract haulers. Also stressed was the importance of recycling; there is an event speaker on June 19 at St. Joseph’s Church talking about Recycling and Eco Maine from 10 A.M- Noon.

Mike Davis also came to the podium to express his concern for the single hopper recycles; as a kid he learned more about sorting the different plastic and the importance of it. Mr. Davis stressed that the returnable (glass) bottles are being thrown in the hopper and breaking making the 5 cent return no longer valid, which is also taking away from the revenue. He would like to see us going back to the sorting or recyclables so that the ones that can break can be set aside and used.

b. Discussion of BRAG Requisition

Bill Macdonald came to the podium to ask the Selectmen if there is any way they can help out with the 2018-2019 budget; as they mistakenly missed the deadline. BRAG has gone through their budget and work list and came out with a \$4,000.00 shortage; they plan to do fundraising to decrease the shortage/ and add to the budget funds. Town Manager Peabody mentioned that there is a balance on the recreation carry forward account amounting to about \$3,000.00 after some already approved purchase for the recreation department; that could be use if the Board wanted to. **Motion** was made by Selectman Murphy to use remaining recreation carry over reserve account amount; seconded by Vice-Chairman Zaidman. 5 approve/0 oppose.

10. Public Hearing(s) at 6:00 P.M.

a. Special Amusement Permit to Terry a While Resort (17 Tarry A While Road)

Chairman Watkins opened up the Public Hearing at 6:29 P.M. Mr. Hopewell came to the podium to express his concerns for the vague application as they own a rental next door; he would like to know the time and frequency of the event. He was in hopes to get in contact with the owners before the Public Hearing however they have had no luck because the owners are away at this point. His concern is the noise that is generated by those events as he tells his renters that they are not allowed to make noise outside the building after 10:00 P.M. **Motion** made by Selectman Murphy to table the Public Hearing for June 12, 2018 at 6:00 P.M.; seconded by Vice-Chairman Zaidman. 5 approve/0 oppose.

11. Action Items Following Public Hearing

a. Special Amusement Permit to Terry a While Resort (17 Tarry A While Road)

As the item was tabled no action was taken at this time.

12. Treasurer's Warrants

Motion made by Selectman Murphy to approve Treasurer's Warrants 95, 96, 97, and 98; seconded by Selectman Packard. 5 approve/0 oppose.

13. MSAD # 61

a. MSAD # 61 Notice of Amount Adopted at Budget Meeting

Chairman Watkins let the Board know that the amount adopted by voters at meeting was \$29,440,708.00.

b. District Budget Validation

Chairman Watkins let the Board know that they have a sample ballot in there binders and the Polls are open until 8:00pm May 22, 2018.

14. Public Comments and Presentations on Non-Agenda Items

Hearing none, Chairman Watkins moved to the next item.

15. Dates for the Next Board of Selectman's Meeting and/or Workshop

June 12, 2018; Regular Meeting and Annual Town Election

June 13, 2018; Annual Town Meeting

16. Executive Session(s)

a. Per MRS Title 1, Section 405.6.A; Committee Applications

Motion made by Selectman Packard to go into Executive Session pursuant to MSR Title 1, Section 405.6.A: Committee Applications; seconded by Vice-Chairman Zaidman at 7:20 P.M.. 5 approve/0 oppose.

Motion made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to move out of Executive Session pursuant to MSR Title 1, Section 405.6.A: Committee Applications; seconded by Selectman Packard at 7:29 P.M. 5 approve/0 oppose.

Motion made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to approve Leonard Rudin and Patti Schulte to the Ordinance Review Committee; seconded by Selectman Packard. 5 approve/0 oppose.

b. Per MRS Title 1, Section 405.6.C; Land Acquisition

Motion made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to go into Executive Session pursuant to MSR Title 1, Section 405.6.C: Bridgton Memorial School; seconded by Chairman Watkins at 7:30 P.M..

Motion made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to come out of Executive Session; seconded by Selectman Murphy at 7:59 P.M.. 5 approve/0 oppose.

Motion made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to designate the Town Manager and available Board of Selectmen members to consult with legal representative; seconded by Selectman Packard. 5 approve/0 oppose.

c. Per MRS Title 1, Section 405.6.A; Personnel Matters

Motion made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to go into Executive Session Per MRS Title 1, Section 405.6.A; Personnel Matters; seconded by Selectman Packard at 8:00 P.M. 5 approve/0 oppose.

Motion made by Selectman Packard to move out of Executive Session; seconded by Vice-Chairman Zaidman at 8:36 P.M. 5 approve/0 oppose. No actions were noted.

17. Action Items Following Executive Session

The actions were addressed upon exit of their specific sessions.

18. Adjourn

Chairman Watkins adjourned the meeting at 8:36 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzzanah Forsythe
Deputy Town Clerk