

Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

July 10, 2018; 5:00 P.M.

Board Members Present: Liston E. Eastman, Chairman; Glenn R. Zaidman, Vice-Chairman; Robert P. Murphy; G. Frederick Packard; Carmen E. Lone

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

1. Call to Order

Chairman Eastman 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. June 26, 2018

Motion made by Selectman Murphy to approve the minutes from June 26, 2018; seconded by Selectman Lone. 5 approve/0 opposed.

4. Public Comments and Presentations on Non-Agenda Items

Ursula Flaherty came to the podium to talk about issues with health care choices, and the amount of time it takes to get care because many physicians have left town. Selectman Packard mentioned that the Selectmen wrote a letter a few years back regarding the concern of physicians leaving. Chairman Eastman asked for some more facts so that the Board can move forward. Selectman Lone mentioned that we should look into contacting the Hospital to see what their plans are for the future. **Motion** made Vice-Chairman Zaidman to have the manager open up a line of communication with the hospital; seconded by Selectman Lone. 5 approve/0 opposed.

5. Committee Reports

Mike Davis came to the podium reporting on the 250th celebration. There were 300-400 in attendance during some events; he thanked the town for their support and presented an historical print to the Town at the 250th event. He stated that they learned a few things with this event being the first for the Event Committee. For instance, do more online outreach and make deadlines a month prior to when they are due. Selectman Murphy asked that Mike Davis let the public know about the upcoming events. Chairman Eastman mentioned that the banner at Shore Park was better than over the road for visibility.

Mike Davis also talked about the 300th time capsule that they are putting together asking the public to make letters or drawings or clippings of Bridgton today; to be submitted to the Historical Society which they are hoping to seal in a week or so.

Selectman Lone stated everything went well and really enjoyed it.

Selectman Packard said they did a wonderful job: he reminisced about how this brought back memories and will open his letter from his family members from the capsule with his sister.

6. Correspondence and Other Pertinent Information

a. Request for Speed Bumps on Depot Street;

Mike Davis mentioned that he has noticed vehicles speeding down Depot Street; and that this unofficial petition had been brought to him so that he could bring this to the Selectmen's attention.

Motion made by Selectman Murphy to approve temporary speed bumps on Depot Street; seconded by Selectman Lone. Deputy Town Manager Fleck mentioned that the Police Department placed a speed monitor device beginning Sunday, May 27, 2018 and ending Sunday, June 3, 2018. Out of the 7921 vehicles that were documented the ones that the speed was above the speed limit were within the times of 12 a.m. to 7 a.m. Selectman Lone mentions that her being set off of Depot Street that the traffic doesn't appear to be as bad as opposed to being in a building that is closer to the road. Public Works Director Jim Kidder was asked to talk about what he has done for Highland Lake Beach; he mentioned that they did a cobble stone look to catch the eye of people. However, Depot Street is made to be narrow as opposed to Highland Beach area, and need to take time and see if they are warranted for that area. 1 approved (Selectman Murphy) /4 opposed (Selectman Lone, Selectman Packard, Vice-Chairman Zaidman, and Chairman Eastman). **Motion** did not pass.

b. Resignation of William Barnes from the Ordinance Review Committee

Motion made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to accept, with regret, the resignation of William Barnes from the Ordinance Review Committee; seconded by Selectman Packard. 5 approve/0 opposed. Deputy Town Manager Fleck asked the Board if they would like her to prepare a letter; the Board agreed.

7. New Business

a. Awards and Other Administrative Recommendations

1. Pondicherry Park

a. Tree Concerns

Jon Evans, Stewardship Manager of the Loon ECO Land Trust, came to the podium to let the Board know that they plan to come up with a standard to maintain the park for hazardous tree. Selectman Murphy asked about the river in the park regarding possible paddle boats going down the river if the dead trees were taken care of. Mr. Evans states the river is not part of the park, the park ends at the water's edge. Vice-Chairman Zaidman stated his concern for the diseased trees because the town park has a lot of diseased trees and already lost a lot of the trees on Sabatis Island to the same issue. Vice-Chairman Zaidman also stressed the safety of the users of the park. Mr. Evans state's that the conservation plan has the approval to remove the invasive plants and diseased trees. Mr. Evans stressed safety is the committees'' main concern; however the intent of the park is to keep it in the wild setting. Mr. Evans also stated that motor vehicles can be used for rescues and maintenance.

Jack Wadsworth from Wadsworth Woodland INC answered several questions for the Board. Vice-Chairman Zaidman asks Jon Evans if he has any agreement with the family that bought the Keene farm, Mr. Evans responded that they have been in contact with Town Manager Peabody to reach out to the family to see if they can come to an agreement regarding access to the field through their property and to mow the field that is part of the park. Vice-Chairman Zaidman asked to have Town Manager Peabody set up a meeting with the State Forester and Mr. Evans to talk about Pondicherry Park.

b. Proposed Universal Accessibility

Tom Perkins, Loon Echo Land Trust Executive Director, came to the podium and stated that this is not a Loon Echo project; it is a Universal Accessibility Project for Pondicherry Park. He stated that he has a 10k grant for the project. However, he does not want to do the work until the issue with the trees is taken care of. He asks to consider the project after the hazard trees are taken care of. He would like to see the park handicap accessible. Vice-Chairman Zaidman asked to have them get funds for the project and to also have a reserve account to keep the trail maintained. Mr. Perkins said that the trail would be a crushed stone surface, and for maintenance it would be a small tractor with a grader; requiring a small amount of funds needed for maintenance. Vice-Chairman Zaidman also asked that they have additional seating for folks that may need a break along the way that is the proper height.

2. CDD Confirmation Questions

Hearing none, Chairman Eastman moved to the next item.

b. Permits/ Documentation Requiring Board Approval

1. Tax Exemptions for LEA; Map 20, Lot 16 (tabled from 6.26.2018)

Motion made by Selectman Packard to remove the Tax Exemption for LEA from the table for discussion; seconded by Vice-Chairman Zaidman. 5 approve/ 0 opposed.

Tax Assessor Denis Berube spoke about LEA- Highland Lake Preserve. He advised the Board that they did pay taxes on this last year because they got the application in after the deadline, and the number of acres is 216. **Motion** made by Selectman Lone to grant the Tax Exempt Status for Map 20 Lot 16 owned by Lakes Environmental Association; seconded by Vice-Chairman Zaidman. 5 approve/0 opposed.

2. Victualer's License:

a. Ratify Permit to Robyn's Ice Cream [issued 7.3.2018]

Motion made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to approve the Victualer's License for Robyn's Ice Cream; seconded by Selectman Packard. 5 approve/0 opposed.

b. Standard Gastropub

Motion made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to approve the Victualer's License for Standard Gastropub; seconded by Selectman Packard. 5 approve/0 opposed.

3. Sewer Commitment

Motion made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to issue bills for Sewer Commitment #208 as soon as the TRIO programming issue has been resolved; seconded by Selectman Lone. 5 approve/0 opposed.

4. 2018-2019 Tax Commitment

Tax Assessor Denis Berube explained the 2018-2019 Municipal Tax Rate Calculation Form to the Board; with the mil rate being 14.80 and a 6% interest rate for any unpaid taxes on the dates 08/16/2018; 11/16/2018; 2/16/2019; and 05/16/2019. **Motion** made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to sign, as the Bridgton Board of Assessors, the Assessors' Certification of Assessment, Municipal Tax Assessment Warrant and Certificate of Commitment; seconded by Selectman Lone. 5 approve/0 opposed.

c. Selectman's Concerns

Selectman Packard had concerns about the Hospital and the staffing that they have there.

Selectman Lone had no concerns.

Selectman Murphy said he feels that we are losing money on Salmon Point with renting out the lots; if the Town has a property owner paying taxes on the land/property the town would produce more income. Also the land owner would be making income from the renters; so it would be a win-win. Also the Transfer Station currently has three crushers that are not in use; and we need to put them for sale before the value goes down on them. Also stated that he thinks the Woods Pond Beach Notice could have been worded with more details; also would like Woods Pond to be expanded.

Vice-Chairman Zaidman suggested that each Selectman come up with a couple of questions for CDC director and submit them to the Town Manager. He also has a concern with dispatch if you call 911 to go to Windham; who does not know the area. Also during business hours if you call the local line it often goes to voice mail or gets kicked back to Windham. He also mentioned several concerns with Social Media; town officials do the best they can on certain issues don't tear the people down, call the town or elected officials to deal with the matter.

Selectman Eastman- encouraged everyone to review the facts on issues when they arise.

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

TOWN OF BRIDGTON
DEPUTY TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT
July 10, 2018

250th Bridgton's Birthday Bash

On July 7th Bridgton celebrated its 250th anniversary. The event was well attended and I would like to thank the Town of Bridgton's Events Committee and the Bridgton Historical Society for all their work in planning the event. I would also like to thank the Bridgton Historical Society for their special gift to the Town of Bridgton. It will be placed in a prominent area for all to see.

Woods Pond

Late Friday, we received a phone call from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) with reports that several people became ill with abdominal issues after swimming in Woods Pond. As a result the town collected water samples and submitted it to Paris Utility District, 7 C.N. Brown Way, South Paris for testing. The swim area PASSED. We also tested the sinks in the bathroom, which is not for drinking and signed as such, and this test failed. Therefore, we have shut the water supply off to the bathroom sinks and have made available hand sanitizers. The beach is NOW open for swimming. CDC continues to investigate. Their contact number is 1-800-821-5821.

Police Department

Chief Stillman would like to thank the officers for the work they did during the fireworks, road race and parade. As stated by Chief Stillman "it is a long and difficult two days but you all should be proud of the work you do and the impression you leave."

Fire Department

Please contact the Fire Chief's Office for any inquiries, business information, insurance information regarding stations, hydrants and fireworks permitting or any other non-emergency request involving the Fire Department. The office number is 207-647-8814. The email address is firechief@bridgtonmaine.org. Office hours are 8:00a.m. to 4:30p.m. As always call 911 for all emergencies.

Station #4 located on South Bridgton Road/Route 107, will have its' roof replaced beginning this week. Use caution when in the area because of large equipment entering and exiting.

Anyone interested in becoming a firefighter with the Bridgton Fire Department contact the Fire Chief at 207-647-8814, firechief@bridgtonmaine.org, or stop by the office at 8 Iredale Street (entry next door to the Police Department) Monday thru Friday from 8:00a.m. to 4:00p.m.

General

John Thomas "Tom" Gyger of Gygers Orchard/5 Fields Farm passed away on Wednesday, July 4, 2018. Tom was well known throughout our community and he will be missed. I would like to extend my condolences to his family and thank them for sharing Tom with the Town of Bridgton for so many years.

Respectfully submitted,

Georgiann M. Fleck
Deputy Town Manager

8. Old Business (Board of Selectmen Discussion Only)

a. Committee Liaisons (tabled from 06.26.2018)

1. Definition of Role

Motion made by Selectman Lone to remove from the table Committee Liaisons which was tabled on June 26, 2018 to allow discussion; seconded by Selectman Packard. 5 approve/0 oppose.

*Vice-Chairman Ziadman respectfully excused himself from the rest of the meeting.

Motion made by Selectman Packard to accept The Policy on Committee Procedures as written; seconded by Selectman Lone. 4 approve/0 opposed.

9. Treasurer's Warrants

Motion was made by Selectman Packard made by to approve Treasurer's Warrants 113, 114, 115, 1 and 2; seconded by Selectman Lone. 4 approve/0 opposed.

10. MSAD # 61

Hearing none, Chairman Eastman moved onto next item.

11. Public Comments and Presentations on Non-Agenda Items

Deb Brusini came to the podium to ask the board if any of them would like to be a liaison for the Ordinance Review committee, they meet at the Town Office at 6:15 P.M when they have meetings.

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

July 24, 2018;

August 14, 2018;

13. Executive Session(s)

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

Motion made by Selectman Lone to enter into Executive Session at 6:47 P.M. per MRS Title 1, Section 405.6.A; Committee Applications; seconded by Selectman Murphy. 4 approve/ 0 opposed.

A recess was taken before Executive Session was entered for signing of paper work on approved items from the meeting.

The Selectmen entered session at 7:01 P.M.

Motion made by Selectman Packard to exit into Executive Session at 7:04 P.M. per MRS Title 1, Section 405.6.A; seconded by Selectman Murphy. 4 approve/0 opposed.

14. Action Items Following Executive Session

Motion made by Selectman Packard to appoint Bob McHatton to the CDC; seconded by Selectman Lone. 4 approve/0 opposed.

15. Adjourn

Chairman Eastman adjourned the meeting at 7:11 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzzanah Forsythe
Deputy Town Clerk