



Community Development Advisory Committee

Minutes – Meeting of October 24, 2018

Attending: Nelle Ely, Bob McHatton, Carmen Lone, Bob Peabody, Ursula Flaherty, Evan Miller, Nate Sunday, Margaret Lindsey, Helen Archer, Deb Brusini (for PB), Sue Mercer (for LRCoC).

1. Last Meeting's Minutes

Minutes from the CDC's Oct. 10th meeting were delayed by travel, and will be sent out for review with this Meeting's Minutes.

2. Affordable Housing Ordinance

The CDC welcomed Deb Brusini, Vice Chair, Planning Board, who had asked to speak to the Committee.

- Ordinance Review Committee voted to eliminate the Town's Affordable Housing Preference Ordinance, which applied to federally-subsidized housing in Bridgton.
- Ordinance is apparently illegal per HUD regulations, anyway.
- Last census showed 800 Bridgton residents in category.
- Discussion of legalities, the 30% of overall capacity requirement, the 5-year waiting list, aesthetics, etc.
- CDC members voted their agreement with eliminating this Ordinance.
- CDC needs a regular liaison with the PB and the Ordinance Committee going forward.

2. Report on PB Marijuana Survey and Workshop (Deb Brusini)

- PB conducted survey of Bridgton residents, but results aren't statistically significant.

- If Town does nothing, nothing will be allowed, per new state law, which is “opt in” (although medical establishments are grandfathered, and tinctures were covered in an Emergency Bill).
- Upcoming vote on Nov. 6 will determine whether or not Town implements a one-year moratorium pending further discussion and development of local regulations to fill loophole left in state regulations. BOS approved vote last July, and directed PB to create ordinances on recreational and medical MJ based on new state law, to include all types of related facilities.
- One option is additional, zoning-type ordinance; CDC should liaise with the Land Use Committee, which works on zoning; they meet Wednesday evenings at 6.
- PB will start crafting ordinance language at their next workshop. Plan is to send proposed ordinance to BOS in February 2019, then go to a vote in June.
- PB requests CDC feedback on draft ordinance, written public statements, and or CDC opinions.
- Deb will forward the Rotary Club data sheet.
- CDC recommends a Bridgton News Op Ed on the moratorium.

3. BOS Report

- Wastewater and Streetscape:
 - > PR campaigns are underway; CDC assisting Blackfly Media.
 - > Projects are evolving; e.g., pavers have been replaced by concrete for sidewalk edging (more durable); road has been widened 2 ft. in front of Reny’s.