

Bridgton Community Development Advisory Committee

Meeting of February 27, 2019

MINUTES

Attending: Carmen Lone, Bob Peabody, Brenda Day, Jerusha Murray, Margaret Lindsey, Ursula Flaherty, Evan Miller, Helen Archer.

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. BOS Report of 02/19/19**
- 3. Review of Community Development Block Grants Applications for Social Services – Additional Applications**

The CDC reviewed and recommended approval of two additional “bricks and mortar” CDBG applications:

a) Skating Rink Improvements

The CDC voted unanimously (4-0) to recommend approval of the \$47,630 grant requested for repairs and improvements.

b) Community Center Playground

The CDC voted unanimously (4-0) to recommend approval of the \$22,000 grant requested for this project.

4. Hotel Bridgton Project Update (Justin McIver)

At his request, the CDC hosted an update by Mr. McIver.

A detailed scale model that Mr. McIver had commissioned was brought in to support discussions; it would remain in the Municipal Building for public viewing.

Other topics discussed included:

- CDC’s full approval of improvements made to the façade design with the assistance of the Maine Historical Society.
- CDC’s concurrence that Bridgton needs additional lodging capacity as soon as possible.
- The importance of describing the planned hotel’s standard accurately in presentations and marketing materials.
- Footprint adjustments made to accommodate environmental constraints.
- Clarification of current plans for access and parking. As illustrated by the scale model, the CDC concluded that some of the access and congestion issues raised at public hearings were now moot.
- The need for the developer to focus on satisfying Planning Board requests for additional information and to maintain a pro-active relationship with the PB, with the understanding that the PB’s determinations will be made based solely on their mandate and legal requirements.