

Board of Selectmen's Workshop/Meeting Minutes

April 22, 2019; 4:30 P.M.

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

Administration Present: Town Manager Robert Peabody; Deputy Town Clerk, Georgiann M. Fleck; Town Clerk Laurie Chadbourne

Also Present: Mike Harris, Sewer Superintendent; Brent Bridges, Woodard and Curran.

1. Call to Order

Chairman Eastman called the meeting to order at 4:50 P.M.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Board recited the "Pledge of Allegiance."

3. Wastewater Expansion

- a. Connection Fees
- b. EDU's
- c. FAQ's

Chairman Eastman said the purpose of this workshop/meeting is to come up with a clear and concise way that information can be put on the Town of Bridgton's website and available to staff for when the public calls to ask for information on wastewater. The information needs to be simple, clear and concise.

Brent Bridges, Woodward and Curran reviewed the fee structure with the Board. He said that if someone wants to hook-up to the system, they are going to pay a connection fee of \$600 and then they will be billed for the usage which is \$389/year plus consumption. If they do not want to connect but the pipe goes by their house or they want to reserve capacity because they may want to build something in the future you can't charge them a connection fee but you charge them a readiness to serve fee.

Mike Harris, Sewer Superintendent, reviewed portions of the Town of Bridgton Ordinance in relation to other Town's he is affiliated with. He said that there is a state law that states if you are within 200 feet of a public sewer you are supposed to hook in.

Vice Chairman Zaidman said what if someone doesn't hook up and they choose not to pay the reserve fee and there is no capacity, does the Town have any obligation? Mr. Harris said no. Vice Chairman Zaidman said do we want to consider sending out information to property owners when the town sewer is near capacity? Chairman Eastman said a representative from DEP stated that when we got to 80% capacity we need to have a plan in place.

Discussion ensued between Board members, Town Manager, Mr. Bridges and Mr. Harris.

Mr. Bridges is going to prepare information for review by Town Manager Peabody which when approved will also be available to the staff, public and added to the website.

4. Adjourn

Chairman Eastman adjourned the meeting at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Georgiann M. Fleck
Deputy Town Manager