

Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

July 23, 2019; 5:00 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: Deputy Town Manager Georgiann Fleck; Deputy Town Clerk Suzzanah Forsythe; Public Works Director Jim Kidder

1. Call to Order

Chairman Eastman called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

3. Approval of Minutes

a. July 9, 2019

Motion was made by Selectman Packard for approval of the minutes from the July 9, 2019 Board Meeting; second from Selectman Murphy. 5 approve/0 oppose

4. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Cathy Pinkham came to the podium to thank Deputy Town Manager Georgiann Fleck and Board for being supportive.

Susan Hatch came to the podium to ask the Board to look at the parking ordinance specifying overnight parking at Highland Lake; this including boat trailers being left there.

Deb Brusini came to the podium to let the Board know that Brenda and Rob are keeping a log of the Land Use Ordinance and Site Plan Review questions that come arise. So that once they have an answer they have it to look back on for future questions. She also thanks Rob and Brenda for all their work.

Glen Peterson came to the podium to express his concerns on the Medical Marijuana Ordinance regarding testing requirements, size of building allowed and the amount of safe zones that are listed. Deb Brusini responds with the explanation that they adopted the States requirements for Adult use Marijuana for the Medical Marijuana because it is being used as medicine. Chairman Eastman requested that the conversation about the Medical Marijuana be put on hold as it is part of a later item with the Land Use Ordinance.

Dick Enright came to the podium to present the Board with a bus stop shelter as a gift that the Rotary Club and Vocational Students are working on. They are on the schedule for Planning Board approval for placement beside the Bridgton Community Center. **Motion** was made by Chairman Eastman to accept the gift as long as it passes Planning Board Review; second by Vice Chairman Zaidman. 5 approve/ 0 oppose

5. Committee Reports

Bob McHatton Sr. gives a CDC report that Nelle Elly had stepped down to a regular member and he is now the Vice-Chair of the CDC.

Helen Archer from the CDC also gives an update on the Survey that the University of Maine is doing regarding the Senior Tax Relief; she reports that this is with the Town Managers Office on the latest update.

6. Correspondence, Presentations and Other Pertinent Information

There was none at this time.

10. New Business

a. Awards and Other Administrative Recommendations

1. Resignation of Cathy Pinkham from the Ordinance Review Committee

Chairman Eastman, Selectman Lone and Packard thanked Cathy Pinkham for all her time she has given.

2. Schedule Parking Ordinance Workshops

Selectman Lone thanks Jerusha for the parking packet that they received. The Board decides on a workshop date of August 27th, 2019 at 4 P.M. before the regular meeting.

3. Senior Tax Relief Workshop

The Board decides on a workshop date of September 10th, 2019 at 4 P.M. before the regular meeting.

4. Planning Board Member Appointment

Motion was made by Selectman Packard to appoint Daniel Harden as a Planning Board Regular member with the term ending at the next Annual Town Meeting; second from Selectman Murphy. 5 approve/ 0 oppose

5. Proposed Land Use Ordinance Amendments

Deb Brusini speaks for the Proposed Land Use Ordinance to clarify to the Board about the amendments the Planning Board has had recommended by the Town Attorney Agnieszka Dixon. Vice Chairman Zaidman voices his concerns that we will become spot zoning and asks Deb seek an answer from Auga when would this become a spot zoning issue. Selectman Packard voices his concerns about having the minimum lot size in the outer corridor being 2 Acres; as this cuts the value per acre in half. Kenneth Gibbs, Chuck Renneker and Deb Brusini proceed to answer questions that arise. **Motion** was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to move to accept and send to warrant to vote in the November Election; however rejects the draft amendment of a story definition; second from Selectman Lone. 5 approve/ 0 oppose

Selectman Eastman brings the second part of the Land Use Ordinance Amendments topic to arise; Site Plan Review Ordinance Amendments. Glen Peterson, Deb Brusini, Joshua Quint, and Cathy Pinkham all voice their concerns or clarification on Ordinance bullet points. **Motion** was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to wait until the June 2020 election; second from Chairman Eastman. Discussion followed. 4 approve/ 1 Selectman Lone opposes

6. Planning Board Request to Amend Non-Citizen Initiated Referendum Policy

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Zaidman that the Planning Board have six or more items for amendment consideration to the Board at a time, Site Plan Review Ordinance has the exception; second from Selectman Murphy. 5 approved/ 0 oppose

b. Permits/Documents Requiring Board Approval

1. Sewer Commitment #228

Motion was made by Selectman Packard to commit the March 1, 2019 to May 30, 2019 Sewer User Rate Commitment #228 comprising of two pages totaling \$2534.40 to the Treasurer for collection; second

from Vice-Chairman Zaidman. Zaidman asks that the Town Manager have the employee who puts the packet together to clarify how the meter is read example in cubic feet of in gallons. 5 approve/0 oppose

c. Selectmen's Concerns

Selectman Packard had no concerns.

Selectmen Murphy had no concerns.

Vice-Chairman Zaidman Thanks Recreation Director, Gary Collelo for all his hard work putting the circus together and bringing them back to Town. He is in hope that the Circus will come back next year.

Selectman Lone has no concerns.

Chairman Eastman States that he does not want an ordinance to be brought to the table at the last minute that is not on the agenda as it gives the Board little time to be prepared.

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

TOWN OF BRIDGTON
DEPUTY TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

July 23, 2019

Anthony Tafuri, a Bridgton Resident, of Tafuri Studios, continues to work on the monument on Main Hill. To date sandblasting has been done in preparation of cleaning and sealing which should be completed in two weeks, weather permitting.

The Town is currently accepting applications for work in the Town's parks, cemeteries and transfer station. This is a full-time seasonal position with some weekends required. ALSO - we continue to accept applications for a seasonal full-time maintenance position at Salmon Point Campground with the potential to become Manager for 2020 and beyond. ALSO – there is an immediate opening for a full-time (40 hour per week- 4 ten hour days with 3 days off) Bridgton Police officer. Applications are available on the Town of Bridgton website at www.bridgtonmaine.org

Recreation

The Babe Ruth All-Star Softball Tournament finished Monday, July 15th following the coordination of three fields and seventeen teams at three different age levels. Gary Colello, Recreation Director, would like to thank the American Legion Post #67 for their organization of the Stevens Brook Elementary School Fields and running the snack shack and gates at the school over the weekend to help with the "Save the Post" building restore fundraiser. It is an incredible opportunity for The Post and Bridgton Recreation to build our relationship moving forward. Thanks to the Bridgton Public Works Department, Jeff Frye and Eric Wisseman of M&S for all their dedicated hard work, flexibility and patience with the completion of the Junior Harmon Ball Field project. A special thanks to the Junior Harmon Family for taking time to come down to the field Sunday afternoon and participating in the rededication ceremony. I hope the 300+ participants and the few hundred more fans enjoyed our facilities and all the Town has to offer. The Zerbini Family Circus was a great success! They offered three shows to the public and a special show specifically for summer rec camps with 435 in attendance. A spot has been offered for their return next year.

Fire Department

The Bridgton Fire Department continues to gain new membership. (12) new members have been accepted for employment to date. (2) Others are pending in the process, (2) others have expressed interest, and are awaiting time to begin the hiring process. (8) of the approved new members are prior Bridgton Firefighters whom have re-joined the Department. The staffing response to emergency calls has increased. The new staff have a variety of skills to offer, only three do not have any prior firefighting experience. As the Chief I am very appreciative of the support, and enthusiasm for the Department and Town. Members have been recently conducting *unscheduled* additional training above and beyond what is required, and have been cooking out at the stations, prior to those trainings. Membership moral appears to be on the up swing! One of our newest members, serves with his wife on the Maine Search and Rescue Dog teams, A great local resource for our community area. A future presentation will be requested, we plan to invite the Local Law Enforcement, United Ambulance, and The Maine Warden Service to the presentation, to learn what resources are available, and how we can all work together, if, and when requested. We are reviewing our written policies and will be planning future training needed. We have responded to multiple water rescue calls this season already. Thankfully the wet spring kept wildland fire incidents down so far.

General

David Madson has accepted the position of Wastewater Superintendent with a start date of Monday, August 12, 2019. The Transfer Station will be closed on Thursday, July 25, 2019 for routine maintenance. Their regular hours of operation are Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday 7:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. I attended a Mental Health First Aid Class hosted by NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) which was held at the Bridgton Hospital on Tuesday, July 16th. It was an all-day class which was extremely beneficial and informative. I would like to thank Glenn "Bear" Zaidman for his persistence in seeing the necessity for this type of training and to Police Chief Rick Stillman for notifying me when classes such as this are available. I would like to report that the feedback I received as a result of the Board Training for Board of Selectmen, Planning Board and Appeals Board held on Thursday, July 11, 2019 was positive. I look forward to making this an annual training.

Respectfully submitted,
Georgiann M. Fleck
Deputy Town Manager

11. Old Business (*Board of Selectmen Discussion Only*)

a. Wastewater Status Update

Vice Chairman Zaidman and Deputy Town Manager provided a brief wastewater status update.

b. Streetscape: Upper and Lower Main Street Status Update

Deputy Town Manager provided a brief update on the streetscape project.

12. Treasurer's Warrants

Motion was made by Selectman Packard for approval of Treasurer's Warrants numbered 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8; second from Selectman Murphy. 5 approve/0 oppose

13. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Dave Boyer came to the podium to voice his concerns regarding Marijuana Ordinance in needing one for business growth so that Bridgton would Opt-in for Adult Use. He also mentions he will be putting together a Citizens Petition so this can go to the ballot in November.

14. Dates for the Next Board of Selectmen's Meetings

August 13, 2019


August 27, 2019 at 4 P.M. for a workshop on the Parking Ordinance

September 10th, 2019 at 4 P.M. for a workshop for Senior Tax Relief

15. Adjourn

Chairman Eastman adjourned the meeting at 8:34 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Suzannah Forsythe
Deputy Town Clerk