

Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

October 8, 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: Town Manager Robert Peabody; Town Clerk Laurie Chadbourne; Public Works Director Jim Kidder; Police Chief Richard Stillman; Recreation Director Gary Colello; Fire Chief Thomas Harriman

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. September 24, 2019

Motion was made by Selectman Lone for approval of the minutes from the September 24, 2019 Board Meeting; second from Selectman Murphy. 5 approve/0 oppose

4. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Dee Miller read a letter to the editor which will appear in the Bridgton News on Thursday. She voiced concerns regarding the proposed Adult Use Marijuana Ordinance being presented to the voters (resulting from a citizen's petition) in November. Discussion ensued.

Glen Peterson encouraged public attendance at the Public Hearing to ask questions regarding the proposed Adult Use Marijuana Ordinance.

Ursula Flaherty reviewed the video from the last Board Meeting and asked what the Board's criteria was for granting the special request for parking to the Oberg family. She voiced concerns about giving special privileges to anyone and has concerns about how decisions are being made. Discussion ensued.

5. Committee Reports

Deb Brusini reported that the Ordinance Review Committee held a workshop last week for review of the Fireworks Ordinance and the Disorderly House Ordinance, and it was not well attended. Their plan is to work on others as well. Ms. Brusini also reported that Patti Schulte resigned, and new membership is needed.

Bob McHatton reported that a member of the Community Development Committee would like to attend the School Board Meetings relating to the Memorial School; consensus of the Board was to support member attendance.

Deb Brusini reported that the Ordinance Review Committee is working on public education regarding repeal of the Affordable Housing Ordinance which is on the November ballot.

6. Correspondence and Other Pertinent Information

a. Request from Paul Gallinari: Powerhouse Salvage

Paul Gallinari reported that the fence was put up last year after being requested to do so. Town Manager Peabody read the state laws for permitting. The Board directed the Town Manager to ensure that the Code Enforcement Officer provide Mr. Gallinari with a list of items required to bring this establishment up to code. This item will be re-visited on October 22nd.

b. Recreation Department Video

Recreation Director Gary Colello along with summer staff members Lauren Williams and Tyler Bretton were present. Director Colello shared a video of this summer's recreation program. The Board commended Director Colello and staff on the program.

Chairman Eastman shared a TED Talk video entitled "Before I Die." He has heard that people struggle with the brand of Bridgton and suggested that the Community Development Committee consider this method to receive feedback. On behalf of the CDC, Robert McHatton thanked the Chairman for the positive idea which he will present to the Committee and report back to the Board on.

7. New Business

a. Awards and Other Administrative Recommendations

1. Request for Funding for Fire Department Air Vac 911 System

Fire Chief Thomas Harriman was present to request funding for the installation of an Air Vac 911 Systems in the fire houses to address exhaust concerns. Discussion ensued as to whether the funding should come out of the Fire Apparatus Reserve or the Building Reserve. Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to change the municipal reserve policy to include language that the funding is for all municipal buildings; Town Manager Peabody suggested that this policy amendment be an agenda item with proper public notice; Vice-Chairman Zaidman withdrew his motion. **Motion** was made by Chairman Eastman to approve expense for the fire apparatus funding to be appropriated from the Fire Apparatus Account (the Board would also like an answer as to whether the equipment can be transferred to another structure); second from Selectman Lone. 5 approve/0 oppose

2. Accept Funding to Bridgton Community Project in Ed Rock's Name

Motion was made by Selectman Packard to accept \$360 from the Ed Rock Community Spirit Fund and to allocate the donation to the Summer Rec Program; second from Selectman Murphy. 5 approve/0 oppose

b. Permits/Documents Requiring Board Approval

1. Special Town Meeting Warrant

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to sign the November 5, 2019 Special Town Meeting Warrant; second from Selectman Packard. 5 approve/0 oppose

2. Abatements & Supplementals

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to approve the recommended October 8, 2019 tax abatements totaling \$7,092.30 and supplemental tax certificate totaling \$5,758.80; second from Selectman Murphy. 5 approve/0 oppose

3. Ratification of the Police Department

Motion was made by Selectman Lone to ratify the July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022 Agreement between the Town of Bridgton and the Fraternal Order of Police; second from Selectman Murphy. 5 approve/0 oppose

c. Selectmen's Concerns

Selectman Packard had no concerns.

Selectman Murphy thanked Mr. McHatton for his recommendation.

Vice-Chairman Zaidman had no concerns.

Selectman Lone hopes that the citizens take time to read the proposed Adult Use Marijuana Ordinance thoroughly to gain full understanding before voting on this issue.

Chairman Eastman had no concerns.

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

Town Manager Peabody submitted and read the following into the record:

Manager's Report / 10/08/19

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. **Purple Light Nights** brighten the community by bringing attention to the issue of domestic violence during **Domestic Violence Awareness Month** and throughout the year. By taking a stand, **#takeastand**, we intend to remind the nation that there are still countless people -victims and survivors- that are impacted by domestic violence. If you know someone is being abused, please call the confidential hotline at 1-800-537-6066.

Recreation Director Gary Colello has passed the Certified Park and Recreational Professional Examination and is now a Certified Park and Recreational Professional. Congratulations Gary!

The annual Community Halloween Party is being held October 31 at the Old Town Hall and Ice Rink. It begins at 5:00pm and at 6:30pm there is a free community dinner and movie. Volunteers are still needed for this event. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Gary Colello at 647-1126 or rec@bridgtonmaine.org.

There will be new events offered for the December 7 Festival of Lights. There will be a Decorate Your Car Contest, Community Caroling, Holiday Window Contest and Craft Fair & Pancake Breakfast. Folks can register online at www.bridgtonmaine.org/bridgton-recreation/. Deadline for registration is December 5th.

As a reminder to the Board, on October 23, 2018 I presented a draft of the proposed Wastewater Connection Assistance Program. As envisioned, the Program would aid qualifying homeowners in the cost of connecting to the wastewater system. The program was to be initially funded from the Sand/Salt Reimbursement (\$79,000). Action was tabled till after the vote on expanding the system.

Before you tonight are the July financials and the Revenue and Expenditure Summary Report. As you will note, the benchmark is 8.3% for the month. Revenues are at 14.7% and Expenditures at 7.9%.

Before you tonight are the August financials and the Revenue and Expenditure Summary Report. As you will note, the benchmark is 16.7% for the month. Revenues are at 28.6% and Expenditures at 19.1%.

8. Old Business

a. Wastewater Status Update

Town Manager Peabody provided a brief update on the wastewater status.

b. Streetscape: Upper and Lower Main Street Status Update

Town Manager Peabody provided a brief update on the Upper and Lower Main Street projects.

Chairman Eastman suggested that the old light poles be sold for one amount to take all or sold at a higher price individually. Town Manager Peabody and the Public Works Director will discuss this issue and report back at the next meeting.

9. Treasurer's Warrants

Motion was made by Selectman Packard for approval of Treasurer's Warrants numbered 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41 and 42; second from Selectman Murphy. 5 approve/0 oppose

10. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Glen Peterson hopes that there will be an opportunity for full discussion of the proposed Adult Use Marijuana Ordinance at the Public Hearing.

11. Dates for the Next Board of Selectmen's Meeting

October 22, 2019 and November 12, 2019

12. Adjourn

Chairman Eastman closed the meeting at 7:07 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie L. Chadbourne
Town Clerk