

Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

April 7, 2020; 5:00 P.M.

Board Members Present: Liston E. Eastman, Chairman; Glenn R. Zaidman, Vice-Chairman

Board Members Remote: Carmen Lone, G. Frederick Packard, Robert P. Murphy

Administration Present: Town Manager Robert Peabody; Deputy Town Manager Georgiann Fleck

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. Public Hearing

Proposed Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding Projects for Program Year 2020-2021

Chairman Eastman opened the public hearing on the proposed community development block grant funding projects for program year 2020-2021 at 5:00 P.M.

Community Development Director Linda LaCroix was present to respond to any questions about the program.

Vice-Chairman Zaidman asked if the Town would lose funding if one of the projects is not approved or if those funds can be redirected to another project. Town Manager Peabody responded that the goal is to spend it within the dedicated year, he added that in the past, the Board has carried funding forward. Selectmen Lone noted that Community Development Director reported that if the funds are not allocated to Bridgton to this year, they would not be allocated to Bridgton next year however, if a project is not approved, the funding can be allocated to another approved project.

Vice-Chairman Zaidman asked if the County uses the same fiscal year as the Town to which Town Manager Peabody responded that dedicated funds should be used within the Town's fiscal year.

Kevin Raday understands that the funding is from July 2020 to June 2021. He encouraged the Board to reallocate funds to approved projects and not say no to federal funding.

Paul Tworog did not see the memorandum being discussed but would like to receive a copy. He supports Community Development Director LaCroix's vision for a little park that fits in with development in the area.

Selectman Murphy stated that he is in favor of most of the applications as presented.

Vice-Chairman Zaidman is not in favor of the Pocket Park and suggested moving funds to the Oak Street Project. Once this is built, it would require maintenance. Also, the plans were received today with no dimensions except a scale which puts Adirondack chairs in the shoreland zone. Community Development Director LaCroix noted that the chairs are heavy and would be screwed down, they are maintenance free and would be temporary. He does not support the pocket park currently.

Chairman Eastman suggested moving \$6,000 from the Pocket Park and reallocate those funds to the Oak Street Streetscape Project. Community Development Director LaCroix supports this noting that Pocket Parks will be reviewed for future consideration. Chairman Eastman would like all Main Street to be similar (Upper and Lower) in design.

Community Development Director noted that she did not invite the Board to participate in the application phase this year and intends to do so going forward.

Selectman Lone requested that the funding be reviewed to which Community Development Director LaCroix reviewed the projects and costs as presented.

Kevin Raday asked if there is enough time to provide the back up detail and make the reallocation of funds work to which Community Development Director LaCroix confirmed that she has conferred with county officials and there is time for application update.

Ursula Flaherty asked if the money will be lost to the Town if it is not used to which Community Development Director LaCroix responded that the funds will be reallocated to another project.

Chairman Eastman closed the public hearing at 5:37 P.M.

4. Action Items Following Public Hearing

Approval of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding projects for Program Year 2020-2021

Motion was made by Vice-Zaidman for approval of the social service programs to include the Backpack Program at Stevens Brook Elementary School, Community Resource Navigator Program, Bridgton Food Pantry, Town Summer Recreation Program/Teen Recreation Program; second from Selectman Packard. 5 approve/0 oppose

Motion was made by Chairman Eastman to approve the East Main Street Pocket Park; second from Vice-Chairman Zaidman. 0 approve/5 oppose

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to approve the Oak Street Project and reallocate the funds of \$26,300 from the Pocket Park to the Oak Street Project; second from Selectman Murphy. 5 approve/0 oppose

**Intent of board was to move \$32,419 (\$26,300 which is the original request for the project plus \$6,119 which is the balance remaining for infrastructure).*

5. Documents Related to Annual Town Meeting

The Board concurred that they will not place Board of Selectmen's recommendations on the ballot.

a. Orders for Placement of Referendum Questions on Ballot:

Question 1. Shall the Town vote to regulate medical marijuana large-scale caregiver operations by enacting an ordinance entitled, "Amendments to Bridgton Ordinances to Allow and Regulate Certain Marijuana Establishments"?

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to place referendum ballot Question 1. Shall the Town vote to regulate medical marijuana large-scale caregiver operations by enacting an ordinance entitled, "Amendments to Bridgton Ordinances to Allow and Regulate Certain Marijuana Establishments"? before the voters for their consideration on June 9, 2020; second from Selectman Murphy. 5 approve/0 oppose

Question 2. Shall the Town vote to allow and regulate medical marijuana caregiver retail stores in the Inner Corridor (IC) and Outer Corridor (OC) Districts by enacting an ordinance entitled, "Amendments to Bridgton Ordinances to Allow and Regulate Certain Marijuana Establishments"?

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to place referendum ballot Question 2. Shall the Town vote to allow and regulate medical marijuana caregiver retail stores in the Inner Corridor (IC) and Outer Corridor (OC) Districts by enacting an ordinance entitled, "Amendments to Bridgton Ordinances to Allow and Regulate Certain Marijuana Establishments"? before the voters for their consideration on June 9, 2020; second from Selectman Packard. 5 approve/0 oppose

Question 3. Shall the Town vote to allow and regulate medical marijuana manufacturing facilities in the Inner Corridor (IC) and Outer Corridor (OC) Districts by enacting an ordinance entitled, "Amendments to Bridgton Ordinances to Allow and Regulate Certain Marijuana Establishments"?

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to place referendum ballot Question 3. Shall the Town vote to allow and regulate medical marijuana manufacturing facilities in the Inner Corridor (IC) and Outer Corridor (OC) Districts by

enacting an ordinance entitled, “Amendments to Bridgton Ordinances to Allow and Regulate Certain Marijuana Establishments”? before the voters for their consideration on June 9, 2020; second from Selectman Packard.

5 approve/0 oppose

Question 4. Shall the Town vote to allow and regulate medical marijuana testing facilities in the Inner Corridor (IC) and Outer Corridor (OC) Districts by enacting an ordinance entitled, “Amendments to Bridgton Ordinances to Allow and Regulate Certain Marijuana Establishments”?

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to place referendum ballot Question 4. Shall the Town vote to allow and regulate medical marijuana testing facilities in the Inner Corridor (IC) and Outer Corridor (OC) Districts by enacting an ordinance entitled, “Amendments to Bridgton Ordinances to Allow and Regulate Certain Marijuana Establishments”? before the voters for their consideration on June 9, 2020; second from Chairman Eastman. 5 approve/0 oppose

Question 5. Shall the Town vote to allow and regulate adult use marijuana cultivation facilities in the Inner Corridor (IC) and Outer Corridor (OC) Districts by enacting an ordinance entitled, “Amendments to Bridgton Ordinances to Allow and Regulate Certain Marijuana Establishments”?

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to place referendum ballot Question 5. Shall the Town vote to allow and regulate adult use marijuana cultivation facilities in the Inner Corridor (IC) and Outer Corridor (OC) Districts by enacting an ordinance entitled, “Amendments to Bridgton Ordinances to Allow and Regulate Certain Marijuana Establishments”? before the voters for their consideration on June 9, 2020; second from Selectman Packard.

5 approve/0 oppose

Question 6. Shall the Town vote to allow and regulate adult use marijuana stores in the Inner Corridor (IC) and Outer Corridor (OC) Districts by enacting an ordinance entitled, “Amendments to Bridgton Ordinances to Allow and Regulate Certain Marijuana Establishments”?

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman to place referendum ballot Question 6. Shall the Town vote to allow and regulate adult use marijuana stores in the Inner Corridor (IC) and Outer Corridor (OC) Districts by enacting an ordinance entitled, “Amendments to Bridgton Ordinances to Allow and Regulate Certain Marijuana Establishments”? before the voters for their consideration on June 9, 2020; second from Selectman Packard. 5 approve/0 oppose

Question 7. Shall the Town vote to allow and regulate adult use marijuana products manufacturing facilities in the Inner Corridor (IC) and Outer Corridor (OC) Districts by enacting an ordinance entitled, “Amendments to Bridgton Ordinances to Allow and Regulate Certain Marijuana Establishments”?

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to place referendum ballot Question 7. Shall the Town vote to allow and regulate adult use marijuana products manufacturing facilities in the Inner Corridor (IC) and Outer Corridor (OC) Districts by enacting an ordinance entitled, “Amendments to Bridgton Ordinances to Allow and Regulate Certain Marijuana Establishments”? before the voters for their consideration on June 9, 2020; second from Selectman Murphy.

5 approve/0 oppose

Question 8. Shall the Town vote to allow and regulate adult use marijuana testing facilities in the Inner Corridor (IC) and Outer Corridor (OC) Districts by enacting an ordinance entitled, “Amendments to Bridgton Ordinances to Allow and Regulate Certain Marijuana Establishments”?

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to place referendum ballot Question 8. Shall the Town vote to allow and regulate adult use marijuana testing facilities in the Inner Corridor (IC) and Outer Corridor (OC) Districts by enacting an ordinance entitled, “Amendments to Bridgton Ordinances to Allow and Regulate Certain Marijuana Establishments”? before the voters for their consideration on June 9, 2020; second from Selectman Packard. 5 approve/0 oppose

Question 9. Shall the Town enact an ordinance entitled, “Miscellaneous Amendments to the Town of Bridgton Land Use Ordinance”?

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to place referendum ballot Question 9. Shall the Town enact an ordinance entitled, “Miscellaneous Amendments to the Town of Bridgton Land Use Ordinance”? before the voters for their consideration on June 9, 2020; second from Selectman Murphy. 5 approve/0 oppose

6. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

There were no public comments.

7. Other Matters

*Intent of board was to move \$32,419 (\$26,300 which is the original request for the project plus \$6,119 which is the balance remaining for infrastructure). Selectman Lone: yes. Selectman Murphy: yes. Selectman Packard: yes. Vice-Chairman Zaidman: yes. Chairman Eastman: yes. Community Development Director LaCroix will provide copies of the amended application to the Board.

Deputy Town Manager Fleck submitted and read the following report into the record:

General

On behalf of the Board of Selectmen, Management and staff I would like to extend our sincerest condolences to Catherine Pinkham, Town of Bridgton Health Officer, on the recent passing of her dad.

Bridgton Fire Department

On Sunday, March 22, 2020 the Bridgton Fire Department responded to the Ledges Trail off the Mountain Road for a reported medical emergency over a mile up Pleasant Mountain. Three groups of rescuers (27) staff including EMA, Fire Fighters, search/rescue experts and the Maine Warden Service coordinated the rescue operation that lasted until approximately 7:30p.m. with the Maine Warden Service coordinating removal of the individual by helicopter. The Fire Chief would like to thank all the people that assisted in this incident.

Until next time....be safe and be well.

Respectfully submitted,
Georgiann M. Fleck
Deputy Town Manager

8. Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie L. Chadbourne
Town Clerk