

Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

May 26, 2020; 5:00 P.M.

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

Board Members Remote: G. Frederick Packard

Administration Present: Town Manager Robert Peabody; Deputy Town Manager Georgiann Fleck; Public Services Director David Madsen

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. May 12, 2020

Motion was made by Selectman Lone for approval of the minutes from the May 12, 2020 Board Meeting; second from Selectman Murphy. 5 approve/0 oppose

4. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Deb Brusini thanked the staff involved in getting the Planning Board updated iPads.

Public Services Director David Madsen would like to renovate the Dam Park site and will draw up some plans which will include the expense for the next meeting. Town Manager Peabody said that the funding can come out of the Tax Increment Financing as it is an allowable expense. Director Madsen said that upon approval, the project can begin right away with full completion within a month.

5. Committee Reports

There were no committee reports.

6. Correspondence, Presentations and Other Pertinent Information

a. Request to Purchase Property on Gibbs Avenue

Town Manager Peabody reported that Patricia MacDonald-Scholz is asking to purchase a parcel of land owned by the Town. The intention is to construct a two-car garage. The Board directed the Town Manager to review this property with the Code Enforcement Officer and report back to the Board.

b. Warrant to Call MSAD No. 61 Budget Meeting on June 30, 2020 at Lake Region High School

The Board received a copy of the Warrant to Call MSAD No. 61 Budget Meeting on June 30, 2020 at Lake Region High School.

c. Request from Lakes Environmental Association to Extend Boardwalk in Pondicherry Park

Lakes Environmental Association is requesting permission to extend a boardwalk by approximately eight feet. The area to be spanned is wet. Discussion ensued. The Board requested that the request first be approved by the Steering Committee and back to the Board with a recommendation.

d. Request from Rufus Porter Museum for Eight Granite Stones (from Moose Pond Causeway)

Town Manager Peabody reported that the Rufus Porter Museum is requesting the donation of eight granite blocks from the Moose Pond Causeway to be incorporated in their landscaping. A plaque will be installed acknowledging the contribution. **Motion** was made by Chairman Eastman to approve the donation of eight granite slabs to the Rufus Porter Museum with the installation of a plaque recognizing the donation and history of the slabs; second from Selectman Packard. 4 approve/1 oppose (Zaidman opposed)

7. New Business

a. Awards and Other Administrative Recommendations

1. Set Date for Public Hearing on Secret Ballot Referendum

Motion was made by Selectman Lone to set the date of the Public hearing on Secret Ballot Referendum on June 10, 2020 at 5:00PM; second from Selectman Murphy. 5 approve/0 oppose

b. Permits/Documents Requiring Board Approval

1. New Street Name Request

Motion was made by Selectman Lone for approval of Brewer Trail for the private way sited on Map 8 Lot 33 owned by Mark Lamb; second from Selectman Murphy. 5 approve/0 oppose

2. Victualer's License to Chun Yang, Inc dba Ruby Food

Motion was made by Selectman Lone for approval of the Victualer's License to Chun Yang, Inc. dba Ruby Food; second from Vice-Chairman Zaidman. 5 approve/0 oppose

3. Appointment to Eco Maine Board of Directors

The Board directed the Town Manager to seek public interest in serving on this Board.

4. Warrant to Call MSAD No. 61 Budget Validation Referendum on July 14, 2020

Motion was made by Chairman Eastman to sign the Town of Bridgton Maine School Administrative District No. 61 Budget Validation Referendum Warrant and Notice of Election; second from Vice-Chairman Zaidman. 5 approve/0 oppose

c. Selectmen's Concerns

- **Selectman Packard** asked if the paving on Main Street is being delayed to which Town Manager Peabody responded that the company is required to fix a few things up on the sidewalk and expects to be finished up on Monday.
- **Selectman Murphy** asked if he could put up signs for re-election to which Town Manager responded that political signs can be put up at any time.
- **Selectman Lone** had no concerns.
- **Vice-Chairman Zaidman** had no concerns.
- **Chairman Eastman** had no concerns.

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

Deputy Town Manger Fleck submitted and read the following into the record:

General On Friday, May 15th there was an onsite auction conducted by Auctioneer Christopher Grant at the **First and Last Motel** property located at 461 Portland Road, Bridgton. There were two bidders participating with winning bid of \$41,600 placed by Mark Lopez.

Opening Monday, June 1, 2020 at 8:00a.m.-4:00p.m.

The Town Office will be opening its doors to customers on Monday, June 1st to resume regular office hours Monday – Friday 8:00a.m. to 4:00p.m. To protect our citizens and staff protocols will be in place which includes appointments for some Department Heads.

Opening Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at 7:00a.m.

The Transfer Station Store and bottle donation bin will be opening on Tuesday, June 2nd. Again there will be a protocol put in place to protect the wellbeing of citizens and staff entering the store and leaving bottles in the donation bin.

We are pleased to announce the **hiring** of the following people:

Liem Opie – Full-time Employee of the Parks and Cemeteries Division of the Bridgton Public Services Department.

Justin Adams – Full-time Water Reclamation Foreman.

Nikki Hamlin – Full-time Executive Assistant.

Linda Goldrup – Part-time per-diem custodian.

Also, once again we have the opportunity for a summer intern so this year **Emily Grazyb** will be starting on June 1st with a primary focus of digitizing selected town records.

The following employees have recently resigned and therefore we would like to wish them the best of luck in their next endeavors:

Sophie Swiatek – Bridgton Police Officer, recently resigned and has taken a position as officer in the Freeport Police Department and

Kari Downs, Administrative Assistant, has recently resigned.

On Wednesday, May 20th, we began weekly **testing of the public beaches**. Included are Highland Lake, Woods Pond, Salmon Point Campground, Salmon Point and Plummers Landing Beaches. This week the results were well below the acceptable limits.

Annual Town Meeting

The Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 14th 8:00AM to 8:00PM at the Town Hall on North High Street and will be strictly referendum/secret ballot. This is the first year that voting on all the warrant articles will be done by a secret ballot. A virtual Public Hearing will be scheduled prior to July 14th so citizens have the opportunity to ask questions on each of the 38 proposed warrant articles and absentee ballots will be available at least 30 days prior to July 14th.

Elections page on the website is being updated regularly. Questions regarding specifically Ordinance amendments please contact Linda Lacroix, Community Development Director at 595-3550 or email Linda at llcroix@bridgtonmaine.org. To accommodate our voters the office will be open additional hours: Tuesday, June 23 ;4PM to 6PM; Thursday, June 25 ;4PM to 6PM; Saturday, June 27 ;8AM to Noon; Tuesday, July 7; 4PM to 6PM; Thursday, July 9; 4PM to 7PM

!!Avoid long lines, take your time filling out your ballot, VOTE Absentee!!

Bridgton Fire Department The Fire Department would like to note the passing of **Donald Spiller** who was a former department Captain in South Bridgton. The Chief attended the Cumberland/Oxford area **Chief's meeting**. The department received notification of **pending donation from the Lions Club** for personal protective equipment to include masks, gloves, hand sanitizer, safety glasses and a thermometer. The department continues to gain **new members** interested in the department, a new recent applicant has extensive fire service experience and if approved will be another great asset to the department.

Community Development Linda Lacroix, Community Development Director, has initiated a **broadband effort** that includes officials from state, county, and town governments as well as citizens and businesses. The group has had two meetings to date and will roll out a framework in the coming weeks and months. If interested in joining a working group, or receiving updates please contact Linda at 595-3550 or email llacroix@bridgtonmaine.org. The Community Development department continues to update information and links on the town website at www.bridgtonmaine.org. We are anticipating grant funding in June for several initiatives to be carried out by the Bridgton Community Center in partnership with the Town of Bridgton.

Summer Recreation begins Monday, June 8th at 8:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. for 9 weeks, **swim lessons** begin on June 22nd. The virtual exercise programs and trivia continue via ZOOM For these and more information about summer recreation refer to our website at www.bridgtonmaine.org or contact Gary Colello at 207-647-1126.

COVID 19 continues to be a dangerous virus with increases of positive testing daily. For the sake of yourself, your loved ones, friends, co-workers, etc. please don't let your guard down! Continue to practice physical distancing and mask when physical distancing is not possible. Observe the CDC's minimum recommendations on physical distancing and personal hygiene. We at the Town of Bridgton are asking the public to please be patient and respectful and follow the rules that have been put in place for the opening of our buildings to the public.

Town Manager Peabody thanked Town Clerk Laurie Chadbourne and staff for extending office hours for absentee voting.

8. Old Business

a. Wastewater Status Update

b. Streetscape: Upper and Lower Main Street Status Update

Town Manager Peabody provided brief updates on the wastewater and streetscape projects.

9. Treasurer's Warrants

Motion was made by Selectman Murphy for approval of the Treasurer's Warrants numbered 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135 and 136; second from Selectman Lone. 5 approve/0 oppose

10. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

There were no public comments on non-agenda items.

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

June 9, 2020; June 23, 2020

June 10, 2020 Public Hearing

12. Adjourn

Chairman Eastman adjourned the meeting at 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie L. Chadbourne
Town Clerk