

Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2020; 5:00 P.M.

Board Members Present: Liston E. Eastman, Chairman; Glenn R. Zaidman, Vice-Chairman, Carmen E. Lone; Paul A. Tworog; G. Frederick Packard

Administration Present: Town Manager Robert Peabody; Deputy Town Clerk Samantha Eichel, Community Development Director Linda LaCroix, Public Service 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. August 26, 2020

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman for approval of the minutes from the August 26, 2020 Board meeting; second from Selectman Packard. 5 approve/0 oppose

4. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Community Development Director Linda LaCroix requested the Board to sign a Letter of Appreciation to Ned Allen, Mr. Allen is retiring from his 25-year career as Executive Director for the Bridgton Historical Society. All Board members agreed to sign the Letter of Appreciation. No motion was made.

Bernard King addressed the Board with concerns for the Bridgton Celebration and Main Street Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.

Catherine Pinkham, Health Officer, gave an update on the Helping Maine Program.

5. Committee Reports

There were no Committee Reports.

6. Correspondence, Presentations and Other Pertinent Information

a. Hauler's Licensing – Bridgton Recycling Committee

Sally Chappell, Chair of Bridgton Recycling Committee, requested that the Board consider creating a specific license for commercial trash removal companies that use the Town of Bridgton Transfer Station to dispose of collected waste. The Recycling Committee would like to have the disposal fees reviewed. Discussion ensued. The Board of Selectman, Recycling Committee and Public Service Director David Madsen will hold a workshop session on October 6th at 4pm. The workshop will be held at the Old Town Hall.

7. New Business

a. Awards and Other Administrative Recommendations

1. Discussion of Engineering Services for In Town Streets

Brent Bridges from Woodard & Curran presented a proposed engineering services agreement between the Town and Woodard & Curran for culverts and storm drain evaluations. This would be for the preparation of repairing, reconstruction and paving of the side streets after the sewer systems have been installed. Discussion ensued. **Motion** was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to authorize

the Town Manager to sign the Woodard & Curran engineering service agreement for a cost not to exceed \$45,000.00 with the cost to be from the Capital Projects Reserve; second from Selectman Packard. 5 approve /0 oppose

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to increase the Capital Projects Reserve “Amounts and Limits” to \$750,000.00; second from Selectman Packard. 5 approve/0 oppose

2. Marijuana Licensing Fee

Community Development Director Linda LaCroix presented the Board with the proposed fees for marijuana establishments. Discussion ensued. **Motion** was made by Selectman Lone to approve the proposed fee schedule for marijuana establishments; second from Chairman Eastman. 2 approve/ 3 oppose (Selectman Packard, Vice-Chairman Zaidman, Selectman Tworog)

Motion was made by Selectman Tworog to reduce the fees by \$500.00 excluding tier 1 of the Adult Use Cultivation Facilities; second by Vice-Chairman Zaidman. 3 approve/ 2 oppose (Selectman Lone, Chairman Eastman)

b. Permits/Documents Requiring Board Approval

1. Certification of “Amendments to Town of Bridgton Victualers Licensing Ordinance to Require Marijuana Establishments to Obtain a Local License”?

Community Development Director Linda LaCroix responded to questions from the board.

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to approve the Order entitled “Order to Place Referendum Question on the November 3, 2020 Ballot” be adopted in form presented at this meeting, and that an attested copy of the Order be filed with the minutes of this meeting; second by Selectmen Packard. 5 approve /0 oppose

c. Selectmen’s Concerns

- **Selectman Packard** had no concerns.
- **Selectman Tworog** expressed concern with how bright the streetlamps are on upper Main Street and asked if the brightness could be lowered, Town Manager Peabody responded there is a way to lower the brightness but would want to have more feedback from the community before doing so.
- **Selectman Zaidman** requested going forth if there is a revision to a document could they be numbered. This would help to ensure everyone has the most up to date version.
- **Selectman Lone** asked if the Lower Main Street lamps will be as bright as the Upper Main Street are currently. Town Manager Peabody stated the streetlamps will look the same but will not be as bright due to it being a residential area. Selectman Lone also asked if there was anything that could be done about the manhole covers on Main Street, they are rusty and discolored.
- **Selectman Eastman** made the statement that he objects to the Bridgton Celebration and Ribbon Cutting scheduled for September 12, 2020. Discussion ensued between the Board, Town Manager Peabody and Community Development Director Linda LaCroix. **Motion** was made by Chairman Eastman for approval of the Celebrate Bridgton Event scheduled for September 12, 2020; second by Vice-Chairman Zaidman. 3 approve/2 oppose (Chairman Eastman and Vice-Chair Zaidman)

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

Manager's Report

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General

A reminder that masks are required at the Town Office. If you are unable to wear one due to an underlying medical condition, please call to set up an appointment so that we can accommodate you in a manner that is safe for you and our staff.

Fire Department

The Fire Chief met with a representative from the Department of Labor Compliance Division for two days. Staff training records, apparatus maintenance records and monthly equipment records were received. A few minor items needed to be addresses for compliance.

Police Department

Joshua Muise has been appointed to the vacant Sergeant's position.

Recreation

The pubic bathrooms at Woods Pond, Highland Lake and Salmon Point will be closing at the end of September.

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

a. Wastewater Status Update

Brent Bridges provided a brief update on the Wastewater Project.

b. Streetscape: Upper and Lower Main Street Status Update

Town Manager Peabody provided a brief update of the Upper and Lower Main Street status.

9. Treasurer's Warrants

Motion was made by Selectman Eastman for approval of Treasurer's Warrants numbered 21 & 22; 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

September 22, 2020

October 13, 2020

October 6, 2020 (workshop)

12. Adjourn

Chairman Eastman adjourned the meeting at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Samantha Eichel
Deputy Town Clerk