

Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

October 13, 2020; 4:00 P.M.

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

Administration Present: Town Manager Robert Peabody; Town Clerk Laurie Chadbourne; Community Development Director Linda LaCroix; Recreation Director Gary Colello; Police Chief Phillip Jones

1. Call to Order

Chairman Eastman called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Board recited the "Pledge of Allegiance."

3. 4:00 P.M. Workshop with Ordinance Review Committee

The Board met with the Ordinance Review Committee to review their recommendations for amendments to the "Consumer Fireworks Ordinance", "Ordinance to Control Disorderly Houses" and "Ordinance Controlling Nudity in Commercial or Business Activities Not Requiring a Special Amusement Permit."

4. Approval of Minutes

a. September 22, 2020

b. September 24, 2020

Motion was made by Selectman Packard for approval of the minutes from the September 22, 2020 and September 24, 2020 Board Meetings; second from Selectman Lone. 5 approve/0 oppose

Chairman Eastman brought agenda item 7c forward.

7. Correspondence, Presentations and Other Pertinent Information

c. Discussion of Road Closure (Elm Street, Chase Street, Iredale Street, and Bennett Street) for Halloween Trick or Treating

Town Manager Peabody reported that the Town does not have real control of activity pertaining to trick or treating as this is not a town event but simply past tradition. The roads are closed for safety purposes only. Selectman Tworog supports the road closure for safety purposes and advised that the public follow the CDC guidelines.

Recreation Director Colello reported that the Halloween Party has been cancelled. He is working on a pumpkin carving contest and scavenger hunt for celebration. He is also working with Lake Region drama club students on a spook walk during the day and will follow the CDC guidelines.

Police Chief Jones suggested that Bridgton continue to close the roads down to keep pedestrians safe without taking steps to endorse the activity and the public can participate at their own risk.

5. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Deb Brusini asked what type of air exchange is in the downstairs meeting room and suggested that the Town ensure that it is HEPA filtered. Town Manager Peabody will investigate this.

11. Old Business

a. Wastewater Status Update

Brent Bridges, Woodard and Curran, provided an update on the wastewater project. Vice-Chairman Zaidman thanked Mr. Bridges and his team for his dedication and hard work to and for the Town of Bridgton.

6. Committee/Liaison Reports

There were no committee or liaison reports.

7. Correspondence, Presentations and Other Pertinent Information

a. Request from Patricia McDonald-Scholz to Purchase Property on Gibbs Avenue

Patricia McDonald-Scholz asked the Town to purchase the parcel of land on Map 23, Lot 113 owned by the Town. The Board would like to discuss this property with the Fire Chief before deciding. **Motion** was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to table this issue to October 27th to allow the Town Manager to gather information from the Fire Chief and Code Enforcement Officer; second from Selectman Packard. 5 approve/0 oppose

b. Request from Pete Motel to Purchase Property on Cedar Drive (virtual)

Peter Motel requested to purchase Map 60, Lot 1, a 9.33-acre non-waterfront parcel fronting on Cedar Drive. Discussion ensued. **Motion** was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to direct the Town Manager to ascertain a cost for a real estate appraiser to appraise the property; second from Selectman Tworog. 4 approve/1 oppose (Selectman Lone was opposed)

c. Discussion of Road Closure (Elm Street, Chase Street, Iredale Street, Bennett Street) for Halloween Trick or Treating (This agenda item was addressed earlier in the meeting.)

d. Request for Depot Street Closure on October 24th – Post 67

Motion was made by Selectman Lone to approve the closure of Depot Street from Legion Post 67 to the first bridge from 4:00 P.M. on October 23rd to 8:00 PM on October 24th; second from Chairman Eastman. 5 approve/0 oppose

8. Public Hearings at 6:00 P.M.

a. To accept oral and written comments on a Special Amusement Permit Application from Shawnee Peak Holdings, LLC for live music and entertainment.

Chairman Eastman opened the public hearing at 6:00 P.M. to accept oral and written comments on a special amusement permit application from Shawnee Peak Holdings, LLC. There were no public comments. Chairman Eastman closed the hearing at 6:01 P.M.

Chairman Eastman brought agenda item 9a forward.

9. Action Items Following Public Hearing

a. Special Amusement Permit Application from Shawnee Peak Holdings, LLC

Motion was made by Selectman Lone to approve a Special Amusement Permit Application from Shawnee Peak Holdings, LLC; second from Vice-Chairman Zaidman. 5 approve/0 oppose

b. To hear public comment on the following questions that will be presented to the voters via referendum ballot on November 3, 2020:

Question 1. Shall the Town enact an ordinance entitled, “Amendments to Town of Bridgton Victualers Licensing Ordinance to Require Marijuana Establishments to Obtain a Local License”?

Chairman Eastman opened the public hearing at 6:02 P.M. to accept public comments on the following question that will be presented to the voters via referendum ballot on November 3, 2020. There were no public comments. Chairman Eastman closed the hearing at 6:03 P.M.

9. Action Items Following Public Hearing

a. *Special Amusement Permit Application from Shawnee Peak Holdings, LLC (This agenda item was addressed earlier in the meeting.)*

10. New Business

a. Awards and Other Administrative Recommendations

1. Maine Community Foundation – Ed Rock Community Spirit Fund

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to accept \$370 from the Ed Rock Community Spirit Fund and to allocate the donation to the Summer Rec Program; second from Selectman Packard. 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 3, 2020 Special Town Meeting Warrant; second from Selectman Packard. 5 approve/0 oppose

2. Victualer’s License to Shawnee Peak / Blizzard’s Pub

Motion was made by Selectman Packard for approval of the Victualer’s License to Shawnee Peak/Blizzard’s Pub; second from Vice-Chairman Zaidman. 5 approve/0 oppose

3. Proposed Street Name Requests

1. Twilight View

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to approve Twilight View for the private way sited on Map 18, Lot 23 owned by the Packard Family Trust; second from Selectman Tworog. 5 approve/0 oppose

2. Mackenzie Lane

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to approve Mackenzie Lane for the private way sited on Map 9, Lot 12A owned by Lakefront Builders; second from Selectman Packard. 5 approve/0 oppose

c. Selectmen’s Concerns

- **Selectman Packard** reported that he has been experiencing problems with his town email account and hopes to have it resolved soon.
- **Vice-Chairman Zaidman** voiced concerns with a shop and marijuana flags in Sandy Creek to which Community Development Director LaCroix responded that she believes the shop has been approved for opening through the Planning Board but will follow up and report back to the Town Manager.
- **Vice-Chairman Zaidman** voiced safety concerns regarding ATV’s driving on the roadway and believes they are in violation of the law as well to which the police chief will investigate.
- **Selectman Lone** noted that it is time for the flag décor on Depot Street to come down to which Community Development LaCroix responded that it is in process.

- **Chairman Eastman** noted the \$8,200 was spent on t-shirts, hats, etc. from a company outside of Bridgton and noted that the purchasing policy indicates that we should be trying to do business in Bridgton whenever possible. Community Development Director LaCroix responded that the items were purchased from a company in Naples and that the Recreation Department uses a company in Bridgton while the Public Services Department uses a company out of Windham; all are regionally local. The Board all agreed that local Bridgton businesses should be given the opportunity before going out of town.

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

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

Manager's Report 10/13/20

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 Department was awarded a grant through the Ed MacDonald Safety Enhancement Grant Program for the purchase of six Fire Helmets. The award will cover two-thirds of the cost up to \$1,332.67.

Police Department: October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The Police Department is displaying the symbolic Purple Lights. If you or someone you know is being abused, you can call Through These Doors free, confidential helpline: 1-800-537-6066.

Financials: Before you tonight are the August financials and the Revenue and Expenditure Summary Report. As you will note, the benchmark is 17% for the month. Revenues are at 24.3% and Expenditures at 18.8%.

11. Old Business

a. *Wastewater Status Update (This agenda item was addressed earlier in the meeting.)*

b. Streetscape: Upper and Lower Main Street Status Update

Town Manager Peabody provided a brief streetscape project update.

12. Treasurer's Warrants

Motion was made by Selectman Lone for approval of Treasurer's Warrants numbered 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48 and 49; second from Vice-Chairman Zaidman. 5 approve/0 oppose

13. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

There were no public comments.

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

October 27, 2020 / November 10, 2020 / November 24, 2020

16. Adjourn

Chairman Eastman adjourned the meeting at 6:26 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie L. Chadbourne
Town Clerk