

Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
September 22, 2020; 5:00 P.M.

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

Administration Present: Town Manager Robert Peabody; Deputy Town Manager Georgiann Fleck; Town Clerk Laurie Chadbourne; Community Development Director Linda LaCroix; Public Services Director David Madsen; Assessors' Agent Denis Berube.

1. Call to Order

Vice-Chairman Zaidman called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Board recited the "Pledge of Allegiance."

~~3. 4:00 PM – Workshop – Ordinance Review Committee~~

4. Approval of Minutes

- a. September 8, 2020
- b. September 10, 2020

Motion was made by Selectman Packard for approval of the minutes from the September 8, 2020 and September 10, 2020 Board meetings; second from Selectman Tworog. 5 approve/0 oppose

5. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Bernard King noted that the sundial pedestal in Dam Park was vandalized and broken many years ago and requested it be repaired. Town Manager Peabody will gather additional information.

Community Development Director LaCroix reported that she will be meeting with the Vice President of Sales at Red Zone Wireless next week in conjunction with the Broadband Committee.

Community Development Director LaCroix will be meeting with businesspeople in town.

Community Development Director LaCroix reported that the CDBG rental assistance program has been implemented and the Community Center has already granted over \$17,000 in assistance.

Community Development Director LaCroix reported that the final draw down of 2019 CDBG funds has been completed.

6. Committee Reports

There were no Committee reports.

7. Correspondence, Presentations and Other Pertinent Information

- a. Pondicherry Park Trail Proposal – Matt Markot, Loon Echo Land Trust

Loon Echo's Executive Director Matt Markot presented a major trail upgrade to the main trail in Pondicherry Park. The project would improve the trail and make it accessible for individuals with wheeled mobility devices, replace and repair several stream crossings, and make long term maintenance for the Public

Services Department. The estimated cost is \$100,000 off set by in kind labor and materials by and from the Public Services Department and fundraising and grant applications by Loon Echo. The project has the support of the Community Development Advisory Committee. Discussion ensued.

At 5:30 P.M. Vice-Chairman Zaidman brought agenda item 8 forward.

8. Public Hearings at 5:30 P.M.

- a. To Hear Public Comment on an Application from Ovide’s Used Cars for Renewal of their Automobile Graveyard/Junkyard Permit

Vice-Chairman Zaidman opened the public hearing to hear public comment on an application from Ovide’s Used Cars for Renewal of their Automobile Graveyard/Junkyard Permit at 5:30 P.M. Owner Ovide Corbeil reported that he is working on cleaning up the front yard. Vice-Chairman Zaidman closed the public hearing at 5:32 P.M.

- b. To Hear Public Comment on the Annual Adoption of the Maine Municipal Association Local General Assistance Ordinance and Appendices A through H

Vice-Chairman Zaidman opened the public hearing to hear public comment on the annual adoption of the Maine Municipal Association Local General Assistance Ordinance and Appendices A through H at 5:32 P.M. Town Clerk Chadbourne provided a summary of the annual adoption process. Vice-Chairman Zaidman closed the public hearing at 5:34 P.M.

9. Action Items Following Public Hearings

- a. Approval of an Application from Ovide’s Used Cars for Renewal of their Automobile Graveyard/Junkyard Permit

Motion was made by Selectman Packard for approval of an application from Ovide’s Used Cars for renewal of their Automobile Graveyard/Junkyard Permit; second from Selectman Tworog. 4 approve/0 oppose (Chairman Eastman was absent for this vote.)

- b. Approval of the Annual Adoption of the Maine Municipal Association Local General Assistance Ordinance and Appendices A through H

Motion was made by Selectman Packard for approval of the annual adoption of the Maine Municipal Association Local General Assistance Ordinance and Appendices A through H; second from Selectman Tworog. 4 approve/0 oppose (Chairman Eastman was absent for this vote.)

Vice-Chairman Zaidman returned to agenda item 7.

7. Correspondence, Presentations and Other Pertinent Information

- a. Pondicherry Park Trail Proposal – Matt Markot, Loon Echo Land Trust

Motion was made by Selectman Lone to support the Loon Echo’s proposal for improving the main trail in Pondicherry Park subject to the funds being raised by Loon Echo and the in kind labor and materials by and from the Public Services Department; second from Selectman Tworog. 3 approve/2 oppose (Chairman Eastman and Vice-Chairman Zaidman were opposed.)

10. New Business

- a. Awards and Other Administrative Recommendations

1. Award of Bid for 123 Raspberry Lane Property

Bids for 123 Raspberry Land were opened on September 17th. There were 7 bids received. John Booker was the highest bidder at \$157,700. **Motion** was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to award the bid for 123 Raspberry Lane to John Booker, 71 Waterford Road, Harrison, ME for the bid amount of \$157,700 and to

approve the Town Manager's signing of the Purchase and Sales Agreement dated September 22, 2020. The Town Manager is authorized to deliver the deed and any other documents necessary to complete the transfer, all on such terms as the Town Manager and the Town's attorneys deem advisable; second from Selectman Packard. Town Manager Peabody recognized and thanked Deputy Town Manager Fleck for her efforts in disposing of tax acquired property. 5 approve/0 oppose

b. Permits/Documents Requiring Board Approval

1. Affidavit Correct Local Government Record: Assessors' Certificate of Assessment

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to sign the 2019 Tax Commitment and the Assessors' Certification of Assessment, Warrant and Commitment; second from Selectman Packard. 5 approve/0 oppose

2. Supplemental Commitment

Motion was made by Selectman Packard to approve the recommended September 22, 2020 Supplemental Tax Certificate totaling \$14,778.49; second from Selectman Tworog. 5 approve/0 oppose

3. Tax Abatements

Motion was made by Selectman Lone to approve the recommended September 22, 2020 tax abatements totaling \$17,361.14; second from Selectman Packard. 5 approve/0 oppose

4. Certificate of Sewer User Rates Commitment #243

Motion was made by Selectman Packard to commit the June 1, 2020 to August 31, 2020 Sewer User Rate Commitment #243 comprising of two pages totaling \$17,464.46 to the Treasurer for collection; second from Chairman Eastman. 5 approve/0 oppose

c. Selectmen's Concerns

- **Chairman Eastman** had no concerns.
- **Selectman Lone** had no concerns.
- **Selectman Packard** had no concerns.
- **Selectman Tworog** asked what the plan is for trick or treating; this item will be discussed at the next meeting.
- **Vice-Chairman Zaidman** requested that the meeting with the Water District Trustees be scheduled soon.
- **Vice-Chairman Zaidman** requested that the title of committee reports be changed to Committee/Liaison Reports on each agenda going forward.
- **Vice-Chairman Zaidman** requested that abutting landowners be notified of events to which Community Development Director responded that she did notify Reny's prior to the celebration.

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

Deputy Town Manager Fleck read the following into the record:

Extended Hours: The Town Clerk's Office will be open on Thursday, October 22nd 4PM to 7PM; Saturday, October 24th 9AM to Noon; Thursday, October 29th 4PM to 7PM and Saturday October 31st 9AM to Noon for the purpose of accepting voter registration, absentee balloting, and other election related issues. No other town business will be conducted during this time.

General: Today Cumberland County issued a "red flag warning" because fire danger is extremely high. This warning is in effect from 10:00a.m. to 7:00p.m. today. During this time no burn permits will be issued and campfires are prohibited. Trainings.....the Annual Board Training for Board of Selectmen, Planning Board and Appeals Board, and their staff, is scheduled for Thursday, October 8, 2020 from 4:00P.M. to 7:00P.M. and the Annual Employee Training is scheduled for Tuesday, October 20, 2020 beginning at 9:00a.m. The attorneys for both of these trainings will be virtual. Details for both of these trainings is currently being finalized.

Bridgton Recreational Department: Bridgton Recreation Department was approved for the Corona Relief Fund “CRF” for the day camp this fall. As of today we are working with the Lake Region Vocational School where we will have students from the Early Childhood Education Class working with day camp participants twice a week for fun Science Technology Engineering and Math “STEM”/Art/Education Projects. We are very excited about this partnership. Soccer and Run Club start the week of September 28th.

Bridgton Fire Department

Bridgton firefighters (Sean Hedly and John Horne) completed the basic firefighters school hosted in Fryeburg. The final live burn practical was held at a training burn building in Hollis September 13, 2020. The chief attended the event. The two staff members now have the basic training necessary to attack structural and vehicle fires. They both plan to attend more advanced training as available. The Chief met with the manager concerning Sabattus Island after a prior holiday weekend issue, with campfires. The chief recommended the Town consider prohibiting open burning campfires at Town parks with signage, if approved, and recommended retaining the fixed grills. The Chief attended and monitored the Town activities on Depot Street during the celebration September 12, 2020 concerning the expected people attending and the temporary road barricades.

Bridgton Police Department: Receipt of applications for Patrol Officers will close this coming Friday, September 25th. To date the department has received 7 applications for the position. The applications will be reviewed and interviews will be scheduled in the near future. Reminder that coming up October is domestic violence awareness month. Purple lights brighten the community and officers will be wearing purple ribbon pins bringing attention to the issue of domestic violence during the month of October reminding 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.

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

Respectfully submitted, Georgiann M. Fleck, Deputy Town Manager

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

a. Revised Marijuana Establishment Fee Schedule

Community Development Director LaCroix provided the revised marijuana establishment fee schedule to the Board. Discussion ensued.

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

Selectman Tworog noted a few typographical errors and voiced concerns regarding the additional requirements for restaurants. Discussion ensued. Community Development Director LaCroix requested additional time to make the changes and obtain legal advice. **Motion** was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to table this item to Thursday, September 24th at 1:00 P.M.; second from Selectman Tworog. 5 approve/0 oppose

c. Discussion of Request for Proposal for Legal Services

Vice-Chairman Zaidman would like department head input and requested that the Board meet with the Department Heads individually in executive session. Town Manager Peabody will obtain a legal opinion. The Board requested time to review the document as presented.

d. Wastewater Status Update

Town Manager Peabody provided a brief update wastewater status update.

e. Streetscape: Upper and Lower Main Street Status Update

Town Manager Peabody provided a brief upper and lower main street status update.

12. Treasurer's Warrants

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Eastman for approval of the Treasurer's Warrants numbered 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30 and 31; second from Chairman Eastman. 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 6, 2020 Workshop at 4:00 P.M. (Recycling Committee)

October 8, 2020 Board Training at 4:00 P.M.

October 13, 2020 3PM (Water District) and 4PM (Ordinance Review Committee)

October 27, 2020

15. Adjourn

Vice-Chairman Zaidman adjourned the meeting at 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie L. Chadbourne
Town Clerk