

## Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

October 27, 2020; 5:00 P.M.

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

Board Members Remote: 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. October 6, 2020

b. October 13, 2020

**Motion** was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman for approval of the minutes from the October 6, 2020 and October 13, 2020 Board meeting; second from Selectman Packard. 5 approve/ 0 oppose

### 4. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

There were no public comments.

### 5. Committee/Liaison Reports

There were no Committee/Liaison Reports.

### 6. Correspondence, Presentations and Other Pertinent Information

a. Resignation of Peter Lowell from Bridgton Ice Arena

Peter Lowell submitted his resignation from the Board of Directors of the Bridgton Ice Arena. **Motion** was made by Selectman Lone to accept, with regret Peter Lowell's resignation from the Board of Directors of the Bridgton Ice arena; second from Selectman Tworog. 5 approve/ 0 oppose

Chairman Eastman expressed his interest in becoming a member of the Board of Directors of the Bridgton Ice Arena. **Motion** was made by Selectman Packard to appoint Lee Eastman to the Board of Directors of the Bridgton Ice Arena; second from Selectman Lone. 5 approve/ 0 oppose

b. Moose Pond Agreement

Town Manager Peabody indicated the Denmark Town Manager is still trying to contact Sweden's Town Manager to participate with the Moose Pond Sharing Agreement. Town Manager Peabody suggested funding from the Undesignated Fund Balance. Discussion ensued between Board of Selectmen and Town Manager Peabody. Vice-Chairman Zaidman suggested a reserve fund be setup for future cost. **Motion** was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to approve up to \$85,000.00 in cost and accept the Moose Pond Cost Sharing Agreement; second by Selectman Lone. 5 approve/ 0 oppose

c. Transfer Station Punch Cards

Selectman Tworog opened the conversation, questioning if the Town Manager can reissue transfer station punch cards. Town Manager Peabody responded to questions from the Board, referencing the July 1, 2010 BOS Meeting Minutes, policy is a Select Board's policy to not replace punch cards. Discussion ensued. **Motion** was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to leave the Transfer Station Punch Card Policy as is; second by Selectman Lone. 4 approve / 1 oppose Selectman Tworog

**Motion** was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman not to reissue a punch card to David and Barbara Rathbone, second by Selectman Lone. 4 approve/ 1 oppose Selectman Tworog

7. New Business

a. Awards and Other Administrative Recommendations

1. Lake Level Discussion

David Madsen, Public Service Director answered questions from the Board.

Berry Denofrio presented the Board his findings and data regarding Woods Pond water levels over past years.

Bill Preis presented the Board with data he collected regarding Highland Lake water levels.

Discussion ensued. The Board and Town Manager Peabody will create a proposed policy for the November 10<sup>th</sup> meeting with a potential vote on proposed policy for the November 24<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

2. Presentation of the Marijuana Establishments Application

Community Development Director Linda LaCroix presented the application to the Board.

3. Woodlands Senior Living Project Discussion

Community Development Director Linda LaCroix advised the Board that Matthew Walter from Woodlands Memory Care of Bridgton is having remote calling issues. Chairman Eastman stated board will move to next agenda item.

4. 2020-2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Materials and Invitation to Submit Ideas to the Community Development Advisory Committee

Community Development Director Linda LaCroix answered questions from the Board regarding the material provided to them. Bob McHatton, Vice-Chairman Community Development Advisory Committee, requested the Board of Selectmen give the committee direction on where the potential funds go. Discussion ensued. Chairman Eastman set a workshop for November 17<sup>th</sup> @ 5p.m.

b. Permits/Documents Requiring Board Approval

1. Certification of Commitment of Sewer User Rates Commitment #244

**Motion** was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to commit the July 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020 Sewer User Rate Commitment #244 comprising 2 pages totaling \$3,162.62 to the Treasurer for collection; second by Selectman Packard. 5 approve / 0 oppose

c. Selectmen's Concerns

- **Selectman Packard** had no concerns.

- **Selectman Tworog** asked about the air filtration system used in the BOS meeting room. Discussion ensued. Selectman Tworog asked the Community Development Director Linda LaCroix for a broadband update. Linda LaCroix stated she would be providing updated information to the Board on the November 10, 2020 meeting.
- **Selectman Zaidman** asked Town Manager Peabody for an update on the sewer covers located on Main Street.
- **Selectman Lone** asked if something could be done about the area in front of Food City, the pavement is uneven and has concern it will cause damage to vehicles. Town Manager Peabody informed there will be a final coat of pavement being laid before Thanksgiving.
- **Selectman Eastman** stated the Lopeman-Potts American Legion Post #67 did a really nice job with their ribbon cutting ceremony.

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

**TOWN OF BRIDGTON  
DEPUTY TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT  
October 27, 2020**

**Extended Hours**

The Town Clerk's Office will be open on Thursday, October 29th 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 31st 9:00 a.m. 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. **Voting will be held at the Town Hall located on North High Street on Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> 8:00a.m. to 8:00p.m.**

**General**

On the October 20<sup>th</sup> the Town of Bridgton conducted its annual mandatory **employee training**. Unlike last year the training was held with the attorneys attending virtual and staff attending in person. To meet CDC guidelines there were multiple sessions held to assure that the room capacity was met.

**Bridgton Recreational Department**

Bridgton Recreation Department will be holding a **Haunted Forest Walk** on Saturday, October 31, 2020 beginning at 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. starting at Stevens Brook Trail. Starting at the Old Memorial School down through Stevens Brook Trail to the Bob Dunning Memorial Bridge. Since this "event" there has been mysterious noises and odd sightings throughout. Police have refused to comment and all witnesses since have vanished...do you dare take the walk to investigate this "event" yourself? There is a suggested donation of \$2 and a family donation of \$8. There is also a **Scavenger Hunt** planned for all ages beginning on Sunday October 25<sup>th</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>. Search the Town of Bridgton high and low to find all of the items listed in the hunt. Each item is worth 1 point. Winners will be drawn the first week in November. For more information about these two events, and more, contact Gary Colello, Recreation Director, at 207-647-1126 or refer to our website at [www.bridgtonmaine.org](http://www.bridgtonmaine.org).

**Bridgton Fire Department**

Bridgton firefighters, **Captain Richard Meek completed the Presumpscot Valley Firefighter 1 & 2 Pro-board certification**. Mr. Meek is the fifth firefighter this year to complete extensive specialized training, for the department. All four stations **septic tanks were pumped**. Public Services assisted with excavation and clean-up and we thank them for their assistance! The **North Station ramp** was heaved, repaired and re-paved with the help of Public Services, again we thank the Public Services Department! **Firefighter Edward Pontbriand attended a wilderness rescue class** in Denmark October 4<sup>th</sup>. On **October 28<sup>th</sup>, Firefighter Edward Pontbriand will present training on wilderness rescue operations and an overview of the Maine Search and Rescue dog teams** that he and his wife are members of. The Pontbriands have two K/9 dogs with specialty search and rescue training and we are fortunate to have them in our area and Mr. Pontbriand as one of our department members.

### **Bridgton Police Department**

On Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> Bridgton Police Officer Todd Smolinsky was at the Bridgton Community Center as representative for **National Drug Take-back Day**. Approximately 300lbs of drugs were collected for incineration. Please note that the Bridgton Police Department has a **drug deposit receptacle** available in their lobby for the deposit of unused outdated prescriptions/medications (no needles) which is available year-round during regular office hours. With new hire **Officer Mitchell Johnson**, the Police Department is back to full staff. **Sergeant Muise** received a weeklong leadership training in Maine from FBI LEEDA. **Chief Jones** attended the International Chiefs of Police conference (virtual) and all officers received a 3-hour block of implicit bias training (virtual) all this past week. On Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> The Bridgton Police Department escorted the **National Commander** to the re-dedication ceremony of the Lopeman-Potts American Legion Post 67 located on Depot Street.

**Health Officer Catherine Pinkham** continues to participate in **webinars and MMA workshops** and recently the MMA convention. Health Officer Pinkham worked with **Post 67** to assure that safety measures for social distancing were in place for their re-dedication ceremony this past Saturday. REMINDER...**Flu season** is coming so please get your **flu shots** as soon as possible...they are very important!

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

Georgiann M. Fleck  
Deputy Town Manager

Selectman Packard left the meeting remotely.

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

a. Request from Patricia McDonald-Scholz to Purchase Property on Gibbs Avenue (tabled from 10/13/2020)

**Motion** was made by Chairman Eastman to remove the item from the agenda; second by Selectman Tworog. 4 approve / 0 oppose Selectman Packard was absent.

b. Wastewater Status Update

Town Manager Peabody provided a brief waste water status update

c. 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 Lone for approval of Treasurer's Warrants numbered 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 56 & 57; second from Vice-Chairman Zaidman. 4 approve/ 0 oppose Selectman Packard was absent.

### 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

November 10, 2020

November 24, 2020

November 17, 2020 Workshop

### 12. Adjourn

Chairman Eastman adjourned the meeting at 8:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Samantha Eichel  
Deputy Town Clerk