

**Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**  
**February 23, 2021; 4:00 P.M.**

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

Administration Present: Town Manager Robert Peabody; Deputy Town Manager Georgiann Fleck; Town Clerk Laurie Chadbourne; Community Development Director Linda LaCroix; Code Enforcement Officer Brenda Day

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. Executive Session per MRS Title 1 Section 405.6.E. Ordinance Consultation with Legal

**Motion** was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to enter executive session at 4:02 P.M. per MRS Title 1 Section 405.6.E. for ordinance consultation with legal; second from Selectman Tworog. 4 approve/0 oppose

*Selectman Packard joined the meeting in executive session.*

**Motion** was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to exit executive session at 4:59 P.M.; second from Selectmen Tworog. 5 approve/0 oppose

4. Approval of Minutes

a. February 9, 2021

**Motion** was made by Selectman Lone for approval of the minutes from the February 9, 2021 Board Meeting; second from Selectman Packard. 5 approve/0 oppose

5. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

There were no public comments.

6. Committee/Liaison Reports

There were no reports.

7. Correspondence, Presentations and Other Pertinent Information

a. Request for Outdoor Seating on Depot Street; Christian Cuff, Vivo Italian Kitchen

In preparation for the upcoming season, Christian Cuff, owner of Vivo Italian Kitchen, requested closure of the same area of Depot Street that was approved last year.

**From the June 9, 2020 meeting,** *"In response to the Covid-19 pandemic and the Governor's Executive Order, the businesses on Depot Street (in the cited area) are requesting the closure of the street to non-emergency vehicles from the bridge to Tasteful Things. Owner of Vivo, Christian Cuff, presented the proposed noting that all safety issues have been addressed. Motion was made by Selectman Lone to approve the closure of Depot Street to non-emergency vehicles from the bridge to Tasteful Things for retail and outdoor seating. Said permission to expire September 1, 2020; second from Selectman Packard. 5 approve/0 oppose"*

Mr. Cuff would like to make the summer closure of Depot Street an annual walking street for the summer months. Vivo is adding a wood-fired oven this month and will be able to offer more casual walk-up fare. Options were reviewed and discussion ensued. **Motion** was made by Selectman Tworog to approve the same area of closure on Depot Street as last year commencing on May 26 and ending on September 30, 2021 subject to notification to Frank Howell; second from Eastman. **Motion** was made by Selectman Lone to table this item to the next meeting; second from Vice-Chairman Zaidman. 3 approve/2 oppose (Chairman Eastman and Selectman Tworog were opposed)

### **OTHER; Annual Road Posting**

Chairman Eastman read the following road closure information into the record:

#### **TOWN OF BRIDGTON NOTICE OF ROAD POSTING**

The Town of Bridgton Roads are now posted in accordance with MRS Title 29-A Section 2395. This is done to protect our roadways from damage during the thaw cycle.

The following roads will be posted commencing March 1, 2021 through May 1, 2021.

For more information, please contact David Madsen, Public Services Director, at 207-647-1127 or dmadsen@bridgtonmaine.org

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#### **SOUTH BRIDGTON**

Burnham Road, Willis Park Road, Ingalls Road, Fosterville Road (to end), Winn Road, Swamp Road, North Road, Raspberry Lane, and Camp Pondicherry Road, Pinhook Rd, Wildwood and Moose Cove Lodge.

#### **WEST BRIDGTON**

Mountain Road, Hio Ridge Road, Sam Ingalls Road, Whitney Road, Highland Pines Road, Millbrook Road, Harmon Road, Issac Stevens Road, Kilgore Road, Cedar Drive, East Pondicherry Road, West Pondicherry Road and South Bay Road (Knights Hill Development).

#### **NORTH BRIDGTON**

Highland Road, Chadbourne Hill Road, Upper Ridge Road, Middle Ridge Road, Monk Road, Kimball Road, Highland Point Development.

#### **VILLAGE AREA**

Kansas Road, Lower Main Street, Pond Road, Dugway Road, Mt. Henry Road, Zion Hill Road, Smith Ave.

**Motion** was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to approve the road closure notice as presented; second from Selectman Tworog. 5 approve/0 oppose

### **8. New Business**

#### **a. Awards and Other Administrative Recommendations**

##### **1. Re-allocation of Community Development Block Grant -COVID (CDBG-CV) Funds**

The Community Development Director requested \$5,000 of the CDBG-CV funds originally purposed to rental relief, temporary shelter, and food assistance be reallocated to the Winter Wear Program as approved by the Bridgton Community Center and Cumberland County. Discussion ensued. **Motion** was made by Selectman Tworog to approve the reallocation of CDBG-CV funds in the amount of \$5,000 to the Winter Wear Program; second from Selectman Packard. 5 approve/0 oppose

##### **2. Discussion of Economic Development**

Community Development Director LaCroix submitted and reviewed a document entitled "Achieving a Successful Development Project; Roadmap to Growth" dated February 18, 2021.

#### **b. Permits/Documents Requiring Board Approval**

##### **1. Road Name Change from Starry Lane to Tall Pines Drive**

**Motion** was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to approve the Road Name Change from Starry Lane to Tall Pines Drive; second from Selectman Packard. 5 approve/0 oppose

2. Certification of Proposed Ordinance Entitled "Amendment to Town of Bridgton Official Zoning Maps to Rezone a Parcel of Land Located at 2 Cottage Street"

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to certify the proposed Ordinance entitled "Amendment to the Town of Bridgton Official Zoning Maps to Rezone a Parcel of Land Located at 2 Cottage Street; second from Selectman Tworog. 5 approve/0 oppose

3. Certificate of Commitment of Sewer User Rates Commitment #248

**Motion** was made by Vice-Chairman to commit the November 1, 2020 to January 31, 2021 Sewer User Rate Commitment #248 comprising 2 pages totaling ~~\$7,996.91~~ \$7,993.05 to the Treasurer for collection; second from Selectman Packard. 5 approve/0 oppose

4. Investment Committee Member Application from Roseana Richards

**Motion** was made by Selectman Lone to appoint Roseana Richards to the Investment Committee; second from Vice-Chairman Zaidman. 5 approve/0 oppose

c. Selectmen's Concerns

**Selectman Packard** had no concerns.

**Selectman Lone** had no concerns.

**Selectman Tworog** had no concerns.

**Vice-Chairman Zaidman** requested that the Board adopt the following resolution (as read into the record):

Town of Bridgton

WHEREAS, the second amendment of the United States Constitution reads "A well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed", and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the state of Maine, arranged by the Chief justice of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court and approved by the Maine state legislature, resolve 2013, chapter 75, pursuant to the constitution of Maine, article X, section 6, and

WHEREAS, the constitution of the state of Maine, article 1, section 16 states, "Every citizen has a right to keep and bear arms and this right shall never be question", and

WHEREAS, THE Bridgton Board of Selectman wishes to express its deepest commitment to the rights of its citizens, and

WHEREAS, The Bridgton Board of Selectmen wishes to further express opposition to any law that would unconstitutionally restrict the rights of our citizens to peacefully keep and bear arms, and

WHEREAS, The Bridgton Board of Selectmen wishes to express its intent to stand as a sanctuary for the right to keep and bear arms within the limits of the constitution of the United States and the State of Maine, and

NOW, THEREFORE, We The Board of Selectman of Bridgton, do hereby resolve and declare its intention to oppose unconstitutional restrictions on the right to keep and bear arms for its citizens.

TOWN OF BRIDGTON 2021 SECOND AMENDMENT SANCTUARY

United States Constitution and the Constitution of The Great State of Maine

BRIDGTON BOARD OF SELECTMAN

Town Manager Peabody recommended that this resolution be added as an agenda item to the next meeting to allow for public notice before taking a vote. Motion was made by Selectman Packard to adopt the resolution. Motion was made by Selectman Tworog to table this item to the next meeting; second from Chairman Eastman. 5 approve/0 oppose

**Chairman Eastman** had no concerns.

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

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

##### **General**

Flags were lowered to half-staff today in solemn remembrance of the 500,000 Americans, including 660 Maine residents, who have died from COVID-19. Governor Mills stated: "Let us pause in solemn remembrance, honor the lives they lived and pray for the swift recovery of all those who are still battling this virus". Budget books for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 have been distributed and meetings are scheduled for Monday, March 1st beginning at 9:00a.m. with Board of Selectmen meeting with Department Heads to review their proposed budgets and meeting again on Tuesday, March 2nd at 3:00p.m. to meet with Outside Agencies to discuss their proposed budgets.

Community Development Director, Linda Lacroix, reports that the Arts and Culture Sub-Committee to the Community Development Committee is holding their second meeting on Thursday, February 25th at 9:00a.m. This is a new group with great ideas on how to enhance arts and culture in our community. If interested you can email the sub-committee Chair Greg Bullard at [gsgbullard5@gmail.com](mailto:gsgbullard5@gmail.com) or call Linda at 595-3560.

The Town Clerk's Office reports that:

Absentee Ballots will be available Friday, February 26th for the March 30th special election.

June Annual Town Meeting Nomination papers will be available Friday, February 26th for two (2) selectmen (3-year terms); two (2) planning board members (3-year terms); two (2) planning board alternate members (3-year and 1-year term); two (2) MSAD 61 directors (3-year term) and one (1) Water District Trustee (3-year term). Filing deadline is Friday, April 9th.

##### **Bridgton Recreation Department**

Spring and Summer Programs are open for registration. These include Lake Region Youth Lacrosse, Bridgton Baseball / Softball, Run Club and Red Cross Swim Lessons. There are seasonal full-time openings from June 22 to August 13 for Lifeguards at Woods Pond, Highland Lake and Salmon Point; Water Safety Instructors (swim lessons); Youth Development Professionals (Summer Rec and Teen Summer Rec). Applicants must be at least 16 years old and have a desire to work with teens and/or elementary children. Also offered is Summer Rec with the addition of Teen Adventures for 6th – 9th graders. Scholarships are available for residents and are based on income. Sign up today because space is limited. For more detailed information please contact Gary Colello, Recreation Director at 207-647-1126 or [rec@bridgtonmaine.org](mailto:rec@bridgtonmaine.org).

##### **Bridgton Fire Department**

A third group of (5) Bridgton Fire Department staff members received the first COVID vaccination at Bridgton Hospital on Wednesday, February 10, 2021. To date (17) firefighters have received the first vaccine (Moderna). All of those have tentative dates for the second round. The Fire Chief reviewed proposed applications for subdivision amendments and new proposed businesses.

##### **Bridgton Police Department**

On Friday, February 19th the Police Department and the Wellness Committee partnered with Lisa Magiera from BKD Dojo in Casco to offer a personal safety/situational awareness workshop. The program was a great success, and we thank Lisa for bringing her expertise to make this workshop possible.

Health Officer Catherine Pinkham would like to let the public know that she has been working with Northern Light Health Hospice and Southern Maine Agency on Aging to offer COVID Vaccines for citizens 70 years and older. Please call 396-6500, option 1, and follow the prompts to schedule an appointment. The vaccines will be administered on March 4th 9-3 at the Bridgton Community Center; but you must have a pre-scheduled appointment. Our Health Officer will be in attendance. Catherine continues to participate in the bi-monthly conference calls with Maine Health and the CDC briefing to keep up on the ever-changing COVID 19 virus and vaccinations.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Georgiann M. Fleck, Deputy Town Manager

#### **9. Old Business**

##### **a. Wastewater Status Update**

Town Manager Peabody provided a brief wastewater status update and commended Executive Secretary Nikki Hamlin for her work with the easement deeds.

## 1. Notification to Every Lot Owner (Timelines and Contact Information)

The Board requested that a notification letter be submitted to all property owners. Selectman Tworog prepared a letter for consideration which was read into the record:  
Draft Wastewater letter

Dear Property Owner,

As you hopefully are aware the Town of Bridgton is undertaking a major expansion of the Wastewater system. Your property will now be eligible to connect to the town system when the project is completed. This letter is the first communication to you about the likely schedule and some things that you should consider.

YOU DO NOT NEED TO TAKE ANY ACTION AT THIS TIME BUT YOU SHOULD START PLANNING FOR WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOUR INDIVIDUAL NEEDS.

Construction of the new lines and the new plant should begin in April of 2021. You will see activity on your street during this time. The plant and lines will be completed in the Spring of 2022. This would be your first opportunity to actually use the new system.

Unless your private septic system is failing, you have 10 years to tie into the system. There is, however, a hook up fee (currently \$600) that will be waived during the first year that the system is available. You should keep this in mind as you decide when to hook up as, again, if your current system fails at any time, you will be required to hook up and pay this fee if it is not within the first year.

As a property owner attaching to the new line you would be responsible for redirecting your plumbing to connect to the sewer line on the street. This "house to street" will have varying costs depending on your individual circumstances. The engineers are currently designing where to best place the "stub" pipe at each property. They are available at no charge to come to your property and discuss this placement and their view of your best alternatives. If you would like this service please call John Doe at (207) 555-1234 for an appointment.

There are also some additional costs in closing out your existing septic system. This does, however, have the potential benefit of freeing up a piece of your property for a shed, etc. that may not be able to be built on your current tank.

The town is in the early stages of looking at any additional funds that may help homeowners with the costs of getting on the new system. It is also working to create a list of approved contractors who have the capacity to do this type of work at the most affordable price possible.

We will provide more information on a regular basis. If you have questions about any of this please call Jim Doe at (207) 555-1111. There is still much to be done and we welcome any ideas you may have that would help the Town.

Thanks.

Town Manager Peabody will work with Engineer Bridges.

b. Streetscape: Upper and Lower Main Street Status Update  
Town Manager Peabody had nothing to report.

c. Wastewater Hookup: Low Income Policy Status Update  
Town Manager Peabody has completed a policy for Board review.

*Selectman Packard logged off the meeting at 6:55 P.M.*

10. Treasurer's Warrants

**Motion** was made by Selectman Lone for approval of Treasurer's Warrants numbered 108-112 (all inclusive); second from Vice-Chairman Zaidman. 4 approve/0 oppose

11. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

There were no public comments.

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

March 1, 2021 at 9:00 A.M. (Budget Workshop)

March 2, 2021 at 3:00 P.M. (Budget Workshop)

March 9, 2021 at 4:00 P.M.

March 23, 2021

13. Adjourn

Chairman Eastman adjourned the meeting at 7:12 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie L. Chadbourne,  
Town Clerk