

Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2021; 5:00 P.M.

Board Members Virtual: Liston E. Eastman, Chairman; Glenn R. Zaidman, Vice-Chairman; Carmen E. Lone; Paul A. Tworog; G. Frederick Packard joined the meeting at 5:34 P.M.

Administration Present: Town Manager Robert Peabody

Administration Virtual: Town Clerk Laurie Chadbourne; Community Development Director Linda LaCroix

1. Call to Order

Chairman Eastman called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Board recited the "Pledge of Allegiance."

3. 4:30 Executive Session per MRS Title 1 Section 405.6.E for Discussion of Legal Matters

4. Action Items Following Executive Session (if applicable)

Items 3 and 4 were passed over.

5. Approval of Minutes

a. March 1, 2021

b. March 2, 2021

c. March 23, 2021

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman for approval of the minutes from March 1, 2021, March 2, 2021, and March 23, 2021 Board Meetings; second from Selectman Tworog. 4 approve/0 oppose (Selectman Packard was not present for this vote)

6. Public Comments

Ursula Flaherty addressed some issues that came up at the last Select Board Meeting where there was suggestion of voter fraud without foundation. She stated that all involved work hard to ensure a clean election noting that representatives from both parties (Republican and Democrat) were present for the processing of all ballots and tabulation. Ms. Flaherty stated that the local elections are conducted as required by law and thanked all involved for their hard work; she encouraged trust in our election process.

7. Committee/Liaison Reports

Selectman Lone reported the Community Development Committee is meeting virtually tomorrow morning and moving forward with a subcommittee for arts and culture.

Local Health Officer Pinkham sent an email to the Board and promised to provide updates as they become available.

8. Correspondence, Presentations and Other Pertinent Information

a. Warrant to Call Maine School Administrative District No. 61 Budget Meeting on May 11, 2021 at Lake Region High School (for informational purposes)

The Board received notification of the Warrant to Call Maine School Administrative District No. 61 Budget Meeting on May 11, 2021 at Lake Region High School.

b. Consideration of Net Energy Billing Offers

Community Development Director reported that Revision Energy and Titan Energy have submitted proposals for Board consideration. Representatives from Revision Energy and Titan Gen reviewed their proposals. Discussion ensued. Director LaCroix requested that the Board make their decision at the next meeting.

Selectman Packard joined the meeting at 5:43 P.M. (virtually).

9. New Business

a. Awards and Other Administrative Recommendations

1. Lease of Electric Vehicle

Efficiency Maine offered an electric vehicle rebate program for municipalities. The lease is for 3 years with the lease being paid by rebates from Efficiency Maine. The cost to the Town will be insurance (\$1,000 annually) and a \$400 turn in fee. The vehicle would function as a floater. Examples of its use include the park ranger, out of town training, CEO, and administrative police work. Discussion of installing a charging unit at the municipal complex ensued. **Motion** was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to approve the leasing of a KONA electric vehicle from Rowe Ford Westbrook with the lease fee being paid for by Efficiency Maine's UV Accelerator Program; second from Selectman Tworog.

5 approve/0 oppose

2. Salmon Point Campground Rules & Regulations Amendments

Town Manager Peabody reported that the only change is an increase from \$1,000 to \$1,250 for upgrading to 50-amp service reflecting increased costs to make the change. **Motion** was made by Selectman Lone to approve the revised Salmon Point Campground Rules & Regulations; second from Vice-Chairman Zaidman. 5 approve/0 oppose

b. Permits and Documents Requiring Board Approval

1. Accept Payment and Approve a Quitclaim Deed to Kevin Rogers; Middle Ridge Road, Map 14 Lot 93 (Tax Acquired Property)

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to accept payment and approve a Municipal Quitclaim Deed to Kevin Rogers for described Map 14, Lot 93 Town of Bridgton Tax Maps; second from Selectman Tworog.

5 approve/0 oppose

2. Victualer's License to The Gazebo

3. Victualer's License to Chao Thai Restaurant

Motion was made by Selectman Lone to approve Victualer's Licenses to The Gazebo and to Chao Thai Restaurant; second from Vice-Chairman Zaidman. 5 approve/0 oppose

4. Warrant and Notice of Election Calling Maine School Administrative District No. 61 Budget Validation Referendum on Tuesday, May 25, 2021

Motion was made by Selectman Packard to sign the Town of Bridgton Maine School Administrative District No. 61 Budget Validation Referendum Warrant and Notice of Election; second from Selectman Tworog. 5 approve/0 oppose

5. Woodard & Currant Work Order Number 4; Roadway and Drain Improvements

Brent Bridges, P.E. reviewed the document for drainage and roadway improvement (Task 1), Construction Administration and RPR Services (Task 2) for the Inner Corridor Project. The estimated cost is \$245,000. The total estimated construction costs are \$1.5 million including a 15% contingency. **Motion** was made by Chairman Eastman to direct the Town Manager to sign the Work Order 04-Roadway and Drain Improvements; second from Vice-Chairman Zaidman. 5 approve/0 oppose

c. Selectmen's Concerns

- **Vice-Chairman Zaidman** had no concerns.
- **Selectman Lone** had no concerns.
- **Selectman Tworog** has received complaints that the stop sign at the intersection of Kansas Road to Main Street is dangerous. Town Manager Peabody reminded the Board that the Police Chief recommended elimination of the sign. The Board requested that this item be added to the next agenda for additional discussion.
- **Selectman Tworog** reported that three of the four ping pong tables that were generously provided by a citizen have been damaged by the recreation department. Lengthy discussion ensued. Town Manager Peabody will gather additional information and this item will be added to the next agenda for additional discussion.

- **Selectman Tworog** raised a citizen concern of no public restrooms in Bridgton. Discussion ensued.
- **Selectman Packard** had no concerns.
- **Chairman Eastman** reported that there is some burning out and racing on Depot Street and requested that the Police Chief monitor the area.

d. Town Manager's Report

Town Manager Peabody read the following report into the record:

Manager's Report / 04/13/21

General

The Town Office is closed until April 22nd in accordance with CDC Guidelines, due to a staff member testing positive for COVID-19. Most services are available on-line. The Transfer Station will remain open as will the Police Department, Public Works, and Fire Department.

A reminder that masks are required at the Town Office and Transfer Station. 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.

Public Services Department

It is with regret that I announce the resignation of Ken Lane effective May 5th. Ken is our Public Services foreman and has been with the Town since 1984. We wish him the best as he starts a new chapter in his life.

Kane Toothaker, Public Services Department, also has resigned effective April 16th. Kane has been with the Department since 2016. We wish him the best in his future endeavors. We are advertising his position.

Town Clerk

The election slate has been set for the June Annual Town: James Kidder, Bernard King, Carmen Lone, and Robert McHatton are running for the two (2) selectmen vacancies; Daniel Harden, Rolf Madsen, and Deanna Miller are running for the two (2) planning board members seats; Catherine DiPietro is the only candidate for the one-year alternate planning board seat; there are no candidates for the three-year planning board alternate seat; Kimberly Beuler, Sharon Menegoni, and Karla Murphy are running for the two (2) MSAD 61 directors seats; and Todd Perreault is the only candidate for the one (1) Water District trustee seat.

Financials

Before you tonight are the February financials and the Revenue and Expenditure Summary Report. As you will note, the benchmark is 66.7% for the month. Revenues are at 62.4% and Expenditures at 63.2%.

10. Old Business

a. Wastewater Status Update

Brent Bridges, P.E. provided a brief wastewater status update.

b. Streetscape: Upper and Lower Main Street Status Update

Town Manager Peabody had no updates to report.

c. Wastewater Hookup: Low Income Policy Status Update

Town Manager Peabody had no updates to report.

Town Manager Peabody corrected his Manager's report to clarify that Catherine DiPietro is the only candidate for the one-year alternate planning board seat.

11. Treasurer's Warrants

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman for approval of Treasurer's Warrants numbered 125-133; second from Selectman Packard. 5 approve/0 oppose

12. Public Comments

Dan Harden noted that the intersection on Kansas Road is dangerous and suggested that the stop sign be replaced.

Dan Harden asked the Board to consider providing a contact number to get the roads sanded in the winter. Town Manager Peabody replied that dispatch would be the contact for reporting.

Deb Brusini reported that there is a trash shed located at the back of the Town Hall and one of the doors is missing making the trash visible.

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

April 27, 2021

May 11, 2021

May 25, 2021

14. Adjourn

Chairman Eastman adjourned the meeting at 7:23 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie L. Chadbourne
Town Clerk