

Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

April 27, 2021; 5:00 P.M.

Board Members Present: 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; Deputy Town Manager Georgiann Fleck; Town Clerk Laurie Chadbourne; Code Enforcement Officer Brenda Day; Recreation Director Gary Colello

Administration Virtual: 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. Approval of Minutes

a. April 13, 2021

Motion was made by Selectman Tworog for approval the amended minutes as follows, "page 3 **Selectman Tworog** raised a citizen concern of no public restrooms in Bridgton. Discussion ensued;" second from Selectman Packard.

5 approve/0 oppose

4. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Robert J. McHatton, Sr. reported that unless the Governor makes any changes, the 4th of July parade is going to happen; questions should be directed to the Bridgton Lions Club.

5. Committee/Liaison Reports

On behalf of the Community Development Committee, Robert J. McHatton, Sr. reported that a subcommittee for arts and culture is forming; once organized, they will eventually become a 501 c 3 organization.

6. Correspondence, Presentations and Other Pertinent Information

There were no correspondence or other pertinent information.

7. New Business

a. Awards and Other Administrative Recommendations

1. Stop Sign on Kansas Road

Motion was made by Selectman Tworog to reconsider the December 22, 2020 vote on the Main Street stop sign; second from Selectman Lone. 5 approve/0 oppose **Motion** was made by Selectman Tworog to approve the installation of the stop sign on Main Street and Kansas Road intersection; second from Selectman Packard. 5 approve/0 oppose

2. Ping Pong Tables and Program

Motion was made by Selectman Tworog to accept the donation of ping pong tables at the Town Hall for use at the Town Hall for the purpose of playing ping pong; second from Chairman Eastman. Lengthy discussion ensued. Mr. Pries withdrew his offer to donate the tables as he does not believe they will be properly taken care of.

3. 17 Elm Street Violations

Code Enforcement Officer Brenda Day provided a memo documenting the violation of a temporary permit issued to the owner of 17 Elm Street. Outlined in the memo are attempts to resolve the matter which proved unsuccessful. **Motion** was made by Selectman Lone to levy a \$2,500 fine against Mr. Richard Danis, 17 Elm Street, for non-compliance; second from Selectman Tworog. **Motion** was made by Selectman Tworog to amend the motion to levy a fine of \$2,500 as of May 15, 2021 and to add a \$5,000 fine every two weeks; second from Chairman Eastman. 5 approve/0 oppose (on amendment) 5 approve/0 oppose (on amended motion)

b. Permits/Documents Requiring Board Approval

1. Approve Annual Report for 15 Harrison Road Affordable Housing TIF

Motion was made by Selectman Tworog to approve the Annual Report for Tax Year April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021: Affordable Housing Increment District; second from Selectman Packard. 5 approve/0 oppose

2. Certificate of Commitment of Sewer User Rates Commitment #250

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to commit the January 1, 2021 to March 31, 2021 Sewer User Rate Commitment #250 comprising 3 pages totaling \$2,896.55; second from Selectman Packard. 5 approve/0 oppose

3. Community Center Lease and Agreement

Motion was made by Selectman Packard to direct the Town Manager to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Bridgton and the Bridgton Community Center for a three-year term commencing July 1, 2021 and terminating June 30, 2024; second from Selectman Tworog. 4 approve/0 oppose/1 refusal (Selectman Lone recused herself due to a potential conflict of interest)

4. Consideration of Net Energy Billing Offers

Community Development Director Linda LaCroix provided competitive net billing energy programs to the Board for consideration. The Board had legal questions and opted to table this item to May 11, 2021.

c. Selectmen's Concerns

Selectman Packard had no concerns.

Selectman Tworog suggested speed bumps on Depot Street to alleviate some safety concerns. Discussion ensued.

Selectman Tworog requested that a policy be established to address our video surveillance around town. He also requested a list of where surveillance cameras are in Bridgton. Discussed ensued. Town Manager Peabody will gather additional information.

Selectman Tworog asked when the financial report will be available to which Town Manager Peabody responded that the auditors have assured him that they are in transit.

Vice-Chairman Zaidman requested that the Town Manager ask the Recycling Committee for a report on pay per bag.

Vice-Chairman Zaidman had concerns regarding the spray paint on the crosswalks.

Selectman Lone asked if the red stakes in Shorey Park are for the wastewater which Town Manager Peabody confirmed.

Selectman Lone had questions about solar farms and if there are any restrictions.

Chairman Eastman thanked the Public Works and Police Department for putting up the new signs donated by Mr. Cossey and requested that the Board receive a copy of the data created.

Chairman Eastman reiterated the difficulty that Bridgton Highland Country Club is experiencing in trying to get all their stockholders to sign off on background check prior to submitting re-application for a Victualer's License.

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

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

TOWN OF BRIDGTON DEPUTY TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT / April 27, 2021

General: Public Works Foreman, Kenneth Lane, submitted his resignation effective May 5th. Kenn has worked for the Town of Bridgton for 36 years. Fire Chief, Tom Harriman, submitted his resignation effective May 31st. Tom has worked for the town for 34-years as a Police Officer, interim Fire chief, and Fire Chief. Ashley Bedard, Public Safety Administrative Assistant, submitted her resignation effective May 7th. Ashley began her employment in 2016. During her tenure she was an active member of the Wellness Committee and coordinated successful events such as Youth Safety Day with the goal of outfitting youths with bike safety gear and bike safety instructions AND National Night Out which is a national campaign to bring positive interaction between citizens and law enforcement and their partners.

We would like to welcome Michelle Thibodeau, Deputy Town Clerk, who began her employment on April 12th and Leslie Hayes, Recreation Programmer who began her employment on April 15th.

The Town of Bridgton currently has openings for a full-time Police Officer, a full-time Fire Chief, a full-time Public Safety Administrative Assistant, a full-time position shared between parks/cemetery and transfer station departments, and a full-time position in the Town's parks/cemeteries division. For information on these positions please refer to our website at www.bridgtonmaine.org.

Transfer Station: The Transfer Station store is open! Masks are required and there is a limitation of 10 people at any one time allowed in the store to shop. The Transfer Station is open Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday 7:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. Stickers and masks are required to use the Transfer Station. Stickers are available at the facility or the Town Office at a cost of \$10.00 and they last for 2 years.

Health Officer: Health Officer, Catherine Pinkham continues to monitor availability of the COVID vaccinations and locations so she can let the public know. 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. Governor Mills announced today that Maine is updating its public health guidance to remove the requirement that people wear face coverings in outdoor settings. Face coverings are still a requirement for indoor public setting and there are no changes to Maine's physical distancing requirements at this time. Governor Mills encourages Maine people to get vaccinated and to get outside to safely enjoy all that Maine has to offer. Please refer to the Town of Bridgton website, Health Officer page, for updates.

Employees of Main Eco Homes initiated a clean-up on Earth Day filling approximately 30 - 40-gallon contractor bags with various types of trash collected within a 2.5-mile stretch. Their goal is to continue this trend connecting with other local businesses to have them join efforts with their staff and initiate community clean up events as well as create awareness to prevent people from littering, or at least, have them think about how much it accumulates. It was stated that "a simple act of cleaning up a community makes a very big statement." Thank you to all that participated in this clean-up effort.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Georgiann M. Fleck, Deputy Town Manager

Town Manager Peabody reported that two conditional offers have been made for the parks positions and he intends to appoint an interim foreman by the end of the week and will also move forward with advertising.

8. Old Business

a. Wastewater Status Update

Town Manager Peabody provided a brief update on the wastewater status.

b. Streetscape: Upper and Lower Main Street Status Update

Town Manager Peabody had no status updates to report.

c. Wastewater Hookup: Low Income Policy Status Update

Town Manager Peabody had no status updates to report.

9. Treasurer's Warrants

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman for approval of Treasurer's Warrants numbered 134 through 139; second from Selectman Tworog. 5 approve/0 oppose

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

May 11, 2021 and May 25, 2021

12. Adjourn

Chairman Eastman adjourned the meeting at 8:23 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie L. Chadbourne

Town Clerk