

Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2021; 4:00 P.M.

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

Administration Present: Deputy Town Manager Georgiann Fleck; Town Clerk Laurie Chadbourne

Administration Virtual: Community Development Director Linda LaCroix

Administration Absent: Town Manager Robert Peabody

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.-4:30 P.M. Executive Session per MRS Title 1, Section 405.6.E. for Consultation with Town Attorney

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 consultation with the town attorney; second from Selectman Packard. 5 approve/0 oppose

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to exit executive session at 4:48 P.M.; second from Selectman Packard. 5 approve/0 oppose

4:30 P.M.-5:00 P.M. Break in Board of Selectmen's Meeting

4. 5:00 P.M. Approval of Minutes (not available)

5. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Jim Mains, Manager at Bridgton Highlands Country Club, expressed his concerns with the Victualer's License requirements and the process of back grounds checks. He reported that as a group, the organization did not accept the release section of the form and redacted that section due to the possibility of it becoming public information. He requested that the Board grant a temporary license until the application process is amended or that the Board issue the license under their authority granted in the ordinance. **Motion** as made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman for approval of the Victualer's License to Bridgton Highlands Country Club; second from Selectman Packard. 5 approve/0 oppose

6. Committee/Liaison Reports

a. Arts and Culture Subcommittee to the Community Development Advisory Committee

Robert J. McHatton Sr. introduced Gregory Bullard as a member of the Arts and Culture Subcommittee to the Community Development Advisory Committee. Mr. Bullard reviewed the mission statement, goals, core values and structure/meeting schedule.

Robert J. McHatton, Sr. reported that he believes the Planning Board is moving forward with preparing amendments to the Sign Ordinance to address murals.

7. Correspondence, Presentations and Other Pertinent Information

a. Fourth of July Parade

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to allow the Lions Club to move forward with the parade following CDC guidelines as closely as possible; second from Selectman Lone. 5 approve/0 oppose

Chairman Eastman brought agenda item 10 forward.

10. New Business

a. Awards and Other Administrative Recommendations

1. Vote to Accept the Farragut Park Property from the Farragut Memorial Association

Motion was made by Selectman Lone to move the vote entitled "Vote to Accept the Farragut Park Property from the Farragut Memorial Association," be adopted in form presented to this meeting and that an attested copy of this Vote be filed with the minutes of this meeting; second from Vice-Chairman Zaidman. 5 approve/0 oppose

b. Permits/Documents Requiring Board Approval

1. Consideration of Net Energy Billing Offers

Motion was made by Selectman Lone to vote to authorize the Town Manager to enter a contract with Ameresco on behalf of the Town of Bridgton to purchase net energy billing credits for up to 85% of the Town's historical electricity costs, at the company's best and final percentage discount offer of 25%, subject to a 10-year early termination clause; second from Selectman Tworog. 4 approve/0 oppose/1 abstain (Vice-Chairman Zaidman abstained)

2. Repeal and Replacement of Victualers and Marijuana Establishment Licensing

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to seek voter consideration to repeal and replace the Victualers and Marijuana Establishment Licensing in November; second from Selectman Packard. 5 approve/0 oppose

3. Victualer's License

- a. Ala Mexicana II (243 Portland Road)
- b. Noble House (81 Highland Road)
- c. Tarry-A-While Resort, LLC (17 Tarry-A-While Road)
- d. Nora Belle's (3 2 Cottage Street)
- e. Mack's Place (224 Portland Road)
- f. Lakeside Nutrition (148 Main Street)

Motion was made by Selectman Packard for approval of the Victualer's Licenses to Ala Mexicana II, Noble House, Tarry-A-While Resort, LLC., Nora Belle's, Mack's Place and Lakeside Nutrition; second from Selectman Tworog. 5 approve/0 oppose

c. Selectmen's Concerns

- **Selectman Packard** suggested that the streetlights on Lower Main Street be dimmed.
- **Selectman Tworog** suggested that the Planning Board or Community Development Director conduct some research related to noise and setbacks on solar farms.
- **Vice-Chairman Zaidman** requested that the Town Manager contact the contractor to request repair to the sidewalks be done before Memorial Day.
- **Chairman Eastman** suggested that the Board conduct a workshop with members of the Planning Board, developers and interested parties regarding ordinance amendments to avoid major issues in the future.
- **Chairman Eastman** thanked members of the Board, town staff and the taxpayers for their help over the last three years. He has appreciated all the input and it has been a good experience.
- **Chairman Eastman** reported that the Board will conduct a public hearing on the secret ballot at their next meeting on May 25th. Selectman Tworog encouraged review of the Town Manager's Gazette.

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

Deputy Town Manager Fleck read the following into the record:

TOWN OF BRIDGTON DEPUTY TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT - May 11, 2021

General

We would like to welcome Sean Day, Assistant Town Clerk, who began his employment on Monday, May 3rd; Jacob Decker, Highway/Parks/Cemetery, who began on Thursday, April 29; Todd Thomas, Parks/Cemetery, who began on Thursday, April 29; Erica Bridge, Interim Public Safety Administrative Assistant, who began on Monday, May 3 and will be working in the Police Department Monday-Friday 9:00a.m. to 1:00p.m. and Jason Thompson, who assumed the duties of Interim Public Works Department Foremen on Monday, May 3, 2021.

The Town of Bridgton currently has openings for a full-time Fire Chief, application deadline Friday, May 21; a full-time Public Safety Administrative Assistant, application deadline is Friday, May 21, and a full-time Public Works Foreman, application deadline is Friday, May 21; Lifeguards for Highland Lake, Woods Pond and Salmon Point; Water Safety Instructors (swim lessons) and Youth Development Professionals (Summer Rec and Teen Summer Rec). For information on these positions, job application and job description please refer to our website at www.bridgtonmaine.org.

Health Officer

Health Officer, Catherine Pinkham continues to monitor availability of the COVID vaccinations and locations so she can alert the public. 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 recently amended face covering requirements stating that “face coverings are not required to be worn in outdoor settings, however, face coverings are still a requirement for indoor public setting and there are no changes to Maine’s physical distancing requirements at this time. Tick Season is in full-swing so please be cautious and check your body and clothing when you come indoors. Please refer to the Town of Bridgton website, Health Officer page, for updates.

Bridgton Recreation Department

Monday the 10th was opening night at Harmon Field. It has been 695 days since the last baseball game at Harmon Field! Bridgton Mets will take on the Casco Cubs! Go team! Lacrosse had their first home game of the season at the Ham Complex. Swim lessons are open for all ages including adults. Summer camp has 126 children/teens ready to go for the summer! We are hiring 15 and older for lifeguards and summer camp. Recreation also offers various exercise programs and events. For information on these and more please refer to our website at www.bridgtonmaine.org or call Gary Colello, Recreation Director, at 207-647-1126.

Bridgton Fire Department

During the Month of April Bridgton Fire Department responded to 30 incidents ranging from alarm system responses to motor vehicle accidents.

Financials

For month ending March 31, 2021 the benchmark is 75%; Revenues are at 68.4% and Expenditures are at 69.5%

Farragut Park

I would like to thank American Legion Post #67 for maintaining Farragut Park during the past year. It was a great help!

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

Respectfully submitted,
Georgiann M. Fleck, Deputy Town Manager

11. Old Business

a. Wastewater Status Update

Vice-Chairman Zaidman asked if the pump station and wastewater treatment plant has gone out to bid to which Executive Secretary Nikki Hamlin responded that there is one more easement and land acquisition to obtain.

b. Streetscape: Upper and Lower Main Street Status Update

Deputy Town Manager Fleck provided a brief streetscape update.

12. Treasurer’s Warrants

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman for approval of Treasurer’s Warrants numbered 144, 145, 146 and 147; second from Selectman Packard. 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

May 18, 2021

May 25, 2021

Police Chief Jones reported that the speed signs are up and running with mostly positive feedback. He will provide the Board with data so they can see the information generated.

Chairman Eastman returned to agenda item 8.

8. 6:00 P.M. Public Hearings

a. To Accept Written and Oral Comments on a Special Amusement Permit Application from Tarry-A-While Resort, LLC for Live Music and Entertainment (17 Tarry-A-While Road)

Chairman Eastman opened the public hearing at 6:00 P.M. to accept written and oral comments on a Special Amusement Permit Application from Tarry-A-While Resort, LLC for Live Music and Entertainment (17 Tarry-A-While Road). There were no public comments. Chairman Eastman closed the hearing at 6:01 P.M.

b. To Accept Written and Oral Comments on a New Liquor License Application from Nora Belle's (2 Cottage Street)

Chairman Eastman opened the public hearing at 6:01 P.M. to accept written and oral comments on a new Liquor License Application from Nora Belle's (2 Cottage Street). There were no public comments. Chairman Eastman closed the hearing at 6:01 P.M.

c. To Accept Written and Oral Comments on a Special Amusement Permit Application from Nora Belle's for Live Music and Entertainment (2 Cottage Street)

Chairman Eastman opened the public hearing at 6:02 P.M. to accept written and oral comments on a Special Amusement Permit Application from Nora Belle's for Live Music and Entertainment (2 Cottage Street). There were no public comments. Chairman Eastman closed the hearing at 6:02 P.M.

9. Action Items Following Public Hearings

a. Special Amusement Permit Application from Tarry-A-While Resort, LLC for Live Music and Entertainment (17 Tarry-A-While Road)

Motion was made by Selectman Lone for approval of Special Amusement Permit Application from Tarry-A-While; second from Selectman Packard. 5 approve/0 oppose

b. New Liquor License Application from Nora Belle's (2 Cottage Street)

Motion was made by Selectman Lone for approval of a new Liquor License Application from Nora Belle's; second from Selectman Tworog. 5 approve/0 oppose

c. Special Amusement Permit Application from Nora Belle's for Live Music and Entertainment (2 Cottage Street)

Motion was made by Selectman Packard for approval of a Special Amusement Permit Application from Nora Belle's; second from Vice-Chairman Zaidman. 5 approve/ 0oppose

15. Adjourn

Chairman Eastman adjourned the meeting at 6:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie L. Chadbourne

Town Clerk