

Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2021; 5:00 P.M.

Board Members Present: Carmen E. Lone, Chairman; Glenn R. Zaidman, Vice-Chairman; Paul A. Tworog; G. Frederick Packard; Robert J. McHatton, Sr.
Administration Present: Deputy Town Manager Georgiann Fleck; Town Clerk Laurie Chadbourne; Community Development Director Linda LaCroix.
Absent: Selectman G. Frederick Packard and Town Manager Robert Peabody.

1. Call to Order

Chairman Lone 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. July 27, 2021

Motion was made by Selectman McHatton for approval of the meeting minutes from July 27, 2021; second from Vice-Chairman Zaidman. 4 approve/0 oppose

4. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Community Development Director Linda LaCroix reported that Selectman Packard will not be at the meeting tonight.

5. Committee/Liaison Reports

Selectman McHatton reported that Gregory Bullard submitted his resignation from the Community Development Committee and from the Arts & Culture Subcommittee. Selectman McHatton noted that Mr. Bullard worked extremely hard during his membership. **Motion** was made by Selectman McHatton to accept his resignation, with regret, from both committees; second from Vice-Chairman Zaidman. 4 approve/0 oppose

Community Development Director Linda LaCroix reported that Ordinance Review Committee Chairman Rudin will be present at the next meeting to discuss the list of ordinances they are reviewing.

6. Correspondence, Presentations and Other Pertinent Information

a. Lease Assignment (Laundromat)

Chairman Lone reported that pursuant to Article X, Assignment of Lease, found in the lease between the Inhabitants of the Town of Bridgton and Norgetown, Inc., David Diller is requesting that the lease be assigned to Steven B. Lobisser who is in the process of purchasing the business and real estate. The Town Attorney drafted a new lease which will require the new owner to connect to the wastewater system upon its completion. Mr. Lobisser was present and responded to several questions asked by the Board. Discussion ensued. The Board directed the Town Manager to gather additional information on mitigation, the leach field, and transfer of the property for the next meeting.

b. Discussion of Virtual Board Meetings

Selectman Tworog is in favor of allowing remote public participation. Vice-Chairman Zaidman does not support virtual meetings unless there is an emergency. Selectman McHatton added that the public is welcome to attend the meetings. Chairman Lone recommended that all five members be present for this vote. **Motion** was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to table this to the next meeting; second from Selectman McHatton. 4 approve/0 oppose

The Board brought agenda item 7.b. forward.

7. New Business

a. Awards and Other Administrative Recommendations

There were no awards or other administrative recommendations.

b. Permits/Documents Requiring Board Approval

1. Victualer's License to Nouria Energy Retail, Inc. (433 Portland Road)

Motion was made by Selectman Tworog to approve a Victualer's License to Nouria Energy Retail, Inc.; second from Vice-Chairman Zaidman. 4 approve/0 oppose

2. Request for Use of Town Owned Property; Maine Eco Homes/Justin McIver

Justin McIver requested use of the town owned parking lot behind his property on Main Street. He is working with a group to plan a non-profit community event, free of charge. The event is entitled "Music on Main" and is an opportunity to unite people and promote the downtown. **Motion** was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman for approval to use town owned property, to authorize use of alcohol, to authorize amplified music, to close Park Street between the hours of 4:00 P.M. and 9:00 P.M., and to approve the special taste testing event license; second from Selectman Tworog. 4 approve/0 oppose

Back to 6.c. Review of Ordinance Consolidation Costs

Selectman McHatton was concerned with the amount of funds spent on legal services. Selectman Tworog suggested that the Board create one line item, "legal," that consolidates use by all departments for tracking purposes. **Motion** was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to table this item to the next meeting when the Town Manager is present and to direct the Deputy Town Manager to prepare a list of individuals that would be invited to participate in the meeting/workshop; second from Selectman McHatton. 4 approve/0 oppose

c. Selectmen's Concerns

- **Selectman Tworog** reiterated his request for discussion of a video surveillance policy to which Vice-Chairman Zaidman responded that the Town Manager will be providing information for the Board at the next meeting.
- **Vice-Chairman Zaidman** had no concerns.
- **Selectman McHatton** asked for the deadline to direct questions to the November ballot to which Town Clerk Chadbourne responded that the last meeting prior to the September 3rd deadline is August 24th.
- **Chairman Lone** voiced concerns regarding the trenching along Route 117 to which this concern will be passed on to the Town Manager.

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

Deputy Town Manager Fleck read the following report into the record.

"TOWN OF BRIDGTON DEPUTY TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT, July 27, 2021

General: Linda LaCroix, Community Development Director, reports that the Town recently entered into an agreement with solar field developer Ameresco on a project to be developed in Lisbon, Maine under a State Public Utilities Board Net Energy Billing program. Once the plant is built and operating, the Town will receive credits on electric power billing over a twenty-year period. Total savings under the program is estimated to be \$462,480.

Nikki Hamlin, Executive Secretary, sent out an email today regarding a compromised email account. If you receive a message entitled "new transmission from Town of Bridgton", please DO NOT OPEN THE MESSAGE and DELETE immediately. Chris Sanborn, Modem Waves, our IT provider has been notified and working to mitigate the problem.

Public Works Department: Moved "narrow bridge" sign closer to the bridge on Smith Avenue; changed culvert on Plummers Landing Road and while there did some ditching; performed ditching on Upper Ridge Road; emergency tree removal on Kimball Road, Middle Ridge Road and Kansas Road; graded pot holes on Adams Pond Road; trees slated to be taken down at Middle Ridge Cemetery; Camp Wildwood, Church Street and Mt. Henry Road; and finished ditching on the Hio Ridge Road and Stone Road. Mike Rand, Public Works Division, submitted his resignation effective Thursday, July 22, 2021. Mike began his employ with the Town on November 25, 2002 and

left in September 2, 2015 to pursue another opportunity, however, returned December 5, 2016 until recently. Not consecutively, but his total years of employ with the Town of Bridgton would be 18. We wish Mike the best of luck in his next endeavor.

Bridgton Police Department: Chief Jones would like to thank members of the Bridgton Police Department for their immediate actions in the recent lost and found persons with special Recognition to Sgt Reese for coordinating these efforts. We welcome Grace Gendron, newly hired Public Safety Administrative Assistant to the Police Department and Fire Department. Grace began work on Monday July 19th. On Saturday, August 21, 2021 at 4:00p.m. to 7:00p.m. (location to be determined) Lisa Magiera , BKD Karate Dojo, will be coordinating with the Bridgton Police Department and the Bridgton Recreation Department to offer a class entitled "Off to College Self Defense Workshop".

Bridgton Recreation Department: The circus is coming! Zerbini Family Circus is coming to Bridgton with showings on Thursday August 12 at 6:00p.m. and Friday August 13 at 5:00p.m. and 7:00p.m. Cabbage Island Clambake is scheduled for Tuesday, August 10th with a departure time of 8:00a.m. from the Harrison Town Office Parking Lot to Boothbay Harbor. Cost is \$73.00 for Harrison and Bridgton residents and \$98.00 for non-residents. You must register in advance at bridgtonmaine.org/bridgtonrecreation. Coming this fall....before and after school care for K-5th grade. For more information on this and other events and programs please contact Recreation Director, Gary Colello, at 647-1126 or refer to our website at www.bridgtonmaine.org

Health Officer: Catherine Pinkham, Health Officer, reports that in the first update since Saturday the Maine CDC reported 175 new cases of COVID-19 and Cumberland County reports 1 additional coronavirus-related death, the 898th overall in Maine. CDC is also expected to recommend everyone in K-12 schools wear a mask regardless of their vaccination status and urging that vaccinated people in certain areas of the country resume wearing masks because of COVID-19.

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

Respectfully submitted, Georgiann M. Fleck, Deputy Town Manager"

8. Old Business

a. Wastewater Status Update

Deputy Town Manager Fleck provided a brief wastewater status update.

b. Streetscape: Upper and Lower Main Street Status Update

Deputy Town Manager Fleck provided a brief upper and lower Main Street status update.

9. Treasurer's Warrants

Motion was made by Selectman Tworog for approval of Treasurer's Warrants numbered 175 through 180 (all inclusive), 5 and 7 through 13 (all inclusive); second from Vice-Chairman Zaidman . 4 approve/0 oppose

10. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Selectman McHatton was concerned that the Planning Board did not have ample time to review the Sign Ordinance to recommend mural amendment for the November election. Vice-Chairman Zaidman stated that a mural is not a sign unless it is used as advertisement and requested clarification to which Deputy Town Manager Fleck will reach out to the Maine Municipal Association for their opinion and report back to the Board via email. Vice-Chairman Zaidman also requested that Deputy Town Manager Fleck reach out to other towns (Portland, Rockport, etc.) to find out how they deal with murals.

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

August 24, 2021 and September 14, 2021

12. Adjourn

Motion was made by Selectman McHatton to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 P.M.; second from Vice-Chairman Zaidman. 4 approve/0 oppose

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie L. Chadbourne, Town Clerk