

Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
September 28, 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.; G. Frederick Packard.

Administration Present: Town Manager Robert Peabody, Jr.; Town Clerk Laurie Chadbourne; Community Development Director Linda LaCroix.

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. Presentation by Peter Wright, Bridgton Hospital

This item was addressed after agenda item 9.

4. Approval of Minutes: September 14, 2021

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman for approval of the minutes from the September 14, 2021 Board Meeting; second from Selectman McHatton. 5 approve/0 oppose

5. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

There were no public comments on non-agenda items.

6. Committee/Liaison Reports

Community Development Committee

Community Development Advisory Committee Chairman Ursula Flaherty provided an update on the committee's progress to date. She also requested a budget for arts and culture as the development of a mural for the side of Ricky's Diner (see below) is being planned.



a. Resignation of Vice-Chairman Zaidman from the Eco Maine Board of Directors

Motion was made by Selectman Packard to accept the resignation of Vice-Chairman Zaidman from the EcoMaine Board of Directors; second from Selectman McHatton. 5 approve/0 oppose The Board will discuss the position and vacancy at their next meeting.

The Ordinance Review Committee will be meeting with the Board in October to review their proposed amendments.

8. Public Hearing at 5:30 P.M.

Application from Ovide's Used Cars for Renewal of their Automobile – Graveyard/Junkyard Permit

Chairman Lone opened the public hearing at 5:30 P.M. to hear public comment on an application from Ovide's Used Cars for renewal of their Automobile – Graveyard/Junkyard Permit. There were no public comments. The public hearing was closed at 5:30 P.M.

9. Action Items Following Public Hearing

Application from Ovide's Used Cars for Renewal of their Automobile – Graveyard/Junkyard Permit (October 2021 until October 2022)

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman for approval of the application from Ovide's Used Cars for renewal of their Automobile – Graveyard, Junkyard Permit; second from Selectman McHatton.

5 approve/0 oppose

3. Presentation by Peter Wright, Bridgton Hospital

Peter Wright, President of Bridgton Hospital provided a brief overview of the healthcare system in Bridgton. Mr. Wright responded to several questions asked by the Board and public. Chairman Lone thanked Mr. Wright.

7. Correspondence, Presentations and Other Pertinent Information

There were no correspondence, presentations, or other pertinent information.

10. New Business

a. Awards and Other Administrative Recommendations

1. Acceptance of Donated Monument Agreement

Stuart Scharff requested approval to place a memorial bench in honor of his parents, Monroe and Edwina Scharff, at Highland Lake. **Motion** was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to approve the siting of a Memorial Bench by Stuart Scharff in memory of Monroe and Edwina Scharff, said location to be determined by the Parks Foreman and installation to be overseen by the Park Foreman; second from Selectman Tworog.

5 approve/0 oppose

2. Acceptance of \$500 from the Ed Rock Community Spirit Fund of the Maine Community

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to accept the donation of \$500 from the Ed Rock Community Spirit Fund and to allocate the donation to the Town of Bridgton Summer Recreation Program; second from Selectman Packard. 5 approve/0 oppose

3. Maine Municipal Association Voting Delegate Credentials

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to designate Town Manager Robert Peabody as the Voting Delegate for the Town of Bridgton; second from Selectman Packard. 5 approve/0 oppose

b. Permits/Documents Requiring Board Approval

1. Award Bids for Tax Acquired Property

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to award the bids for the identified tax-acquired properties to the highest bidder as identified on the tax acquired property sale bid results memo with the addition of the Kendal Ham property to Virginia Morton; second from Selectman Packard. 5 approve/0 oppose Town Manager recognized and thanked Nikki Hamlin and Georgiann Fleck for their hard work on this project.

2. Victualer's License to Blizzards Pub @ Shawnee Peak

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to approve a Victualer's License for Shawnee Peak/Blizzard's Pub; second from Selectman Packard. 5 approve/0 oppose

3. Certificate of Commitment of Sewer User Rates Commitment #255

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to commit the June 1, 2021 to August 31, 2021 Sewer User Rate Commitment #255 comprising of three pages totaling \$17,400.75 to the Treasurer for collection; second from Selectman Packard. 5 approve/0 oppose

c. Selectmen's Concerns

- **Selectman McHatton** voiced concerns that his key fob does not work on the door in the front office to which Town Manager Peabody responded that the Board does have access to the entire building through the hall. Discussion ensued.
- **Selectman McHatton** voiced concerns that the memorial school building would no longer be with the Town if the non-profit group obtains ownership.
- **Vice-Chairman Zaidman** asked Community Development Director Linda LaCroix for an update on Red Zone to which Director LaCroix provided a brief update and will have more definitive information to report soon.
- **Vice-Chairman Zaidman** requested that the Town Manager direct staff to write a letter of concern from the Board of Selectmen to Maine Department of Transportation, Senators, and others addressing the need for a light at the intersection of Route 302 and Meadow Road. There have been two or three deaths in the past, numerous accidents and something needs to be done.
- **Selectman Tworog** noted that legal bills were charged for a dispute regarding the upper main street parking lot to which Town Manager Peabody responded that discussion of this issue should be held in an executive session.
- **Selectman Tworog** commented that the memorial school meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 13, 2021 at 2:00 P.M. to which Chairman Lone requested that any comments or concerns be submitted to her prior to the meeting for review. Community Development Director LaCroix reported that an anonymous donor would like to donate a million dollars to use the building for food pantry, job resources and other similar services.
- **Selectman Packard** asked how many times they are going to dig up the intersection on Route 302 near McDonald's and put it back down to which Town Manager Peabody will reach out to Maine Department of Transportation.
- **Chairman Lone** reiterated that any comments or input regarding the memorial school be submitted to her for inclusion in their discussions.

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

Town Manager Peabody submitted and read the following report into the record:

Manager's Report, 09/28/21

General

A reminder that masks are no longer required at the Town Office, Town Hall and Transfer Station for vaccinated individuals. Unvaccinated individuals are asked to wear a mask.

Recreation Department

The Recreation Department is seeking volunteers for the Halloween walk. Fryeburg fair trip for adults is October 2nd. Questions, please contact Gary Colello at 647-1126.

Police Department

Interviews have been on-going for the vacant officer's position. A potential candidate has emerged, and the hiring process has begun.

Finance Department

There were 5 applicants for the position. I am interviewing candidates this week.

The auditors will here Thursday and Friday to begin their work for the audit.

Financials

Before you tonight are the July financials and the Revenue and Expenditure Summary Report. As you will note, the benchmark is 8.3% for the month. Revenues are at 12.1% and Expenditures at 7.5%.

Before you tonight are the August financials and the Revenue and Expenditure Summary Report. As you will note, the benchmark is 16.7% for the month. Revenues are at 24.1% and Expenditures at 19.8%.

11. Old Business**a. Wastewater Status Update**

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

b. Streetscape: Upper and Lower Main Street Status Update

There were no updates to report.

12. Treasurer's Warrants

Motion was made by Selectman Tworog for approval of Treasurer's Warrants numbered 29 through 33 (all inclusive); second from Selectman Packard. 4 approve/0 oppose (Vice-Chairman Zaidman was absent for this vote)

13. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

There were no public comments on non-agenda items.

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

October 12, 2021

October 19, 2021: Goal Setting Workshop at 5:00 P.M.

October 26, 2021

15. Adjourn

Motion was made by Selectman Packard to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 P.M.; second from Selectman McHatton. 5 approve/0 oppose

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie L. Chadbourne
Town Clerk