

Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2022; 5:00 P.M.

Board Members Present: Carmen E. Lone, Chairman; Glenn R. Zaidman, Vice-Chairman; Paul A. Tworog; Robert J. McHatton, Sr.
Board Members Remote: G. Frederick Packard
Administration Present: Town Manager Robert A. Peabody, Jr.; Deputy Town Manager Georgiann Fleck; Town Clerk Laurie Chadbourne; Community Development Director Linda LaCroix, Recreation Director Gary Colello; Public Services Director David Madsen, Fire Chief Glen Garland

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."

Chairman Lone requested that the Board bring agenda item 7.a.1. and 2. forward after approval of the minutes to which the Board concurred.

3. Approval of Minutes

a. February 4, 2022

b. February 8, 2022

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman for approval of the minutes from the February 4, 2022, and February 8, 2022, Board Meetings; second from Selectman Packard. 5 approve/0 oppose

7. New Business

a. Awards and Other Administrative Recommendations

1. Recognition of Scott Smith by Public Services Director David Madsen

Public Services Director David Madsen thanked Scott Smith for his efforts a few weeks ago when he was called in to work around midnight, he saw a house on fire, stopped to knock on the door which saved the family and their home; he also thanked Mr. Smith for all he does within the Department. Director Madsen presented Mr. Smith with a plaque.

2. Recognition of Forrest Kollander by Public Services Director David Madsen

The Board skipped over this item as Mr. Kollander was not yet present.

4. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

There were no public comments on non-agenda items.

5. Committee/Liaison Reports

There were no committee or liaison reports.

6. Correspondence, Presentations and Other Pertinent Information

a. Request from Stephen Meahan to Reactivate North Road as a Town Road

Stephen Meahan was present to request that North Road be reactivated as a Town Road. Lengthy discussion ensued. Town Manager Peabody suggested that Mr. Meahan meet with the Code Enforcement Officer regarding building and seek legal advice regarding the portion of the road in question.

2. Recognition of Forrest Kollander by Public Services Director David Madsen

Public Services Director David Madsen thanked Forest Kollander for his efforts a few weeks ago as he noticed flames coming out of the hood of a vehicle in the garage and put the fire out after calling 911 which saved the Town a lot of money. Director Madsen presented Mr. Kollander with a plaque.

b. Comprehensive Plan Update Workplan

Community Development Director Linda LaCroix provided an updated version of the workplan which she reviewed with the Board and responded to several questions. Director LaCroix requested a workshop session to review the entire document so the Board has a clear understanding of the process; the Board set a Workshop on April 14, 2022 at 4:00 P.M.

7. New Business

a. Awards and Other Administrative Recommendations

1. Recognition of Scott Smith by Public Services Director David Madsen

2. Recognition of Forrest Kollander by Public Services Director David Madsen

These items were taken up earlier in the meeting.

b. Permits/Documents Requiring Board Approval

1. Approval of Loon Echo Trail Rehab

Matt Marcott was present. At a previous Board Meeting, permission was granted to Loon Echo to pursue grant opportunities to create a more accessible opportunity for recreation in Pondicherry Park. **Motion** was made by Selectman Packard to grant permission to Loon Echo to commence trail upgrades from Willett Road to Dunning Bridge in Pondicherry Park including in-kind materials and/or labor provided by Public Works under supervision of the Public Services Director; second from Vice-Chairman Zaidman. **Motion** was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to amend the motion to include contingent upon LEA granting a trail easement to the Town of Bridgton; second from Selectman Tworog. Vote on amendment: 5 approve/0 oppose Vote on amended motion: 5 approve/0 oppose

2. Accept Payment and Approve Quitclaim Deed to Carolyn Huntress- Pond Road, Map 15, Lot 35B

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to accept payment and approve a Municipal Quitclaim Deed to Carolyn Huntress for property described as Map 15, Lot 34B Town of Bridgton Tax Maps; second from Selectman Packard. 5 approve/0 oppose

3. Commitment of Sewer User Rates #260

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman to commit the November 1, 2021 to January 31, 2022 Sewer User Rate Commitment #260 comprising of two pages totaling \$8,260.52; second from Selectman McHatton. 5 approve/0 oppose

c. Selectmen's Concerns

- **Selectman McHatton** suggested that the Board continue negotiations with the Town Manager's contract without the Town Attorney.
- **Vice-Chairman Zaidman** had no concerns.
- **Selectman Tworog** was pleased to see the inventory of town vehicles included in the budget packet and hopes that as the budget is reviewed, the focus is on how it meets the goal of the department.
- **Selectman Packard** asked for a status update of the fifty-five and older TIF project to which Town Manager Peabody responded that they have secured funding and he anticipates they will be starting this spring.
- **Chairman Lone** recommended dedicating the Annual Town Report to Steve Collins. **Motion** was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to dedicate the Annual Town Report to Steve Collins; second from Selectman McHatton. 5 approve/0 oppose

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, February 22, 2022

General: Please make sure to refer to the Town of Bridgton's website, www.bridgtonmaine.org to subscribe for email alerts. These include Meeting Agendas and Minutes; Public Notices; Career Opportunities; Events; Wastewater Project and Main Street Project Updates.

Public Works Department: Sorry folks, winter isn't over yet! Per state law, please make sure that you do not plow, shovel or otherwise deposit snow into the limits of any traveled public way; until April 15th no vehicle shall be parked on the public street or way from 11:00p.m. to 7:00a.m.; and please keep your driveways and private roads cleared and sanded so that if the need arises, emergency personnel can access your property.

Code Enforcement: For the month of January 2022, 9 building permits were issued (13 in 2021) with a valuation of \$1.8 million (1.5 in 2021) and 15 plumbing permits were issued (16 in 2021). The Planning Board is currently reviewing 5 applications for development.

Bridgton Recreation: The goal of the Recreation Department is to serve the community as needs arise but to remain a supplemental support system while raising a family. We also want to be that support system for adults who look to stay active and healthy. We believe that this Department plays an important role in the Town's Economic Development and we will always be here to support families, businesses, and the community as a whole! There are job opportunities, open registration for so many activities including outdoor recreation, swimming & beach, enrichment trips; early care and late care with scholarships available, and events. Please check out our comprehensive website at www.bridgtonmaine.org or for questions and/or additional information please contact Recreation Director, Gary Colello, at 647-1126.

Health Officer: Catherine Pinkham, Health Officer, submitted her resignation effective February 26, 2022. There is a COVID testing clinic which will be held at the Bridgton Community Center located at 15 Depot Street, Bridgton, Maine on Saturday, February 26 from 10:00a.m. to 2:00p.m.

Also, I would like to personally thank you to Scott Smith and Forrest Kollander for taking the initiative to do what was necessary and not turn a cheek and avoid a situation that could have been catastrophic. Thank you to you both!

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

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

8. Old Business

a. Wastewater Status Update

Town Manager Peabody had nothing new to report.

b. Discussion of Crosswalk Damage

Vice-Chairman Zaidman questioned who should pay for the cost to repair the crosswalks to which Public Services Director Madsen will reach out to the engineer and gather additional information for the Board.

c. Discussion of Proposed "Pay-As-You-Throw Ordinance"

Discussion involving the proposed "Pay as you Throw Ordinance: ensued. Selectman McHatton noted that the official title is "Pay Per Bag." Language on page 2 was amended from residential to municipal solid waste. Vice-Chairman Zaidman suggested that the Board set the fee so that voters can make an informed decision. **Motion** was made by Selectman McHatton to approve the draft MSW Pay as your Throw Ordinance and send it to legal for review; second from Vice-Chairman Zaidman. 5 approve/0 oppose

ROAD POSTING

Public Services Director David Madsen requested approval to post the same roads as last year.

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to authorize the Public Services Director to post the roads as requested; second from Selectman McHatton. 5 approve/0 oppose

The following roads will be posted commencing March 1, 2022 through May 15, 2022.

SOUTH BRIDGTON: Burnham Road, Willis Park Road, Ingalls Road, Fosterville Road (to end), Winn Road, Swamp Road, North Road, Raspberry Lane, and Camp Pondicherry Road, Pinhook Rd, Wildwood and Moose Cove Lodge.

WEST BRIDGTON: Mountain Road, Stack Em Inn, Hio Ridge Road, Sam Ingalls Road, Whitney Road, Highland Pines Road, Millbrook Road, Harmon Road, Isaac Stevens Road, Kilgore Road, Cedar Drive, Keene Lane, Kendall Ham, East Pondicherry Road, West Pondicherry Road, and South Bay Road (Knights Hill Development).

NORTH BRIDGTON: Highland Road, Chadbourne Hill Road, Upper Ridge Road, Middle Ridge Road, Monk Road, Kimball Road, Highland Point Development.

VILLAGE AREA: Kansas Road, Lower Main Street, Pond Road, Dugway Road, Mt. Henry Road, Zion Hill Road, Smith Ave.

9. Treasurer's Warrants

Motion was made by Selectman McHatton for approval of Treasurer's Warrants numbered 86, 87 and 88; second from Vice-Chairman Zaidman. 5 approve/0 oppose

10. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

There were not public comments.

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

February 28, 2022 at 9:00 A.M. Budget Meeting

March 1, 2022 at 9:00 A.M. Budget Meeting

March 8, 2022 at 5:00 P.M. Regular Meeting

12. Adjourn

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 P.M.; second from Selectman Packard. 5 approve/0 oppose

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie L. Chadbourne

Town Clerk