

BRIDGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING AGENDA

DATE: Tuesday, March 8, 2022

TIME: 5:00 P.M.

PLACE: Board of Selectmen's Meeting Room, 10 Iredale Street, Bridgton

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1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Minutes
 - a. February 16, 2022
 - b. February 22, 2022
 - c. February 24, 2022
4. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items (*Each speaker **may** be limited to 3 minutes.*)
5. Committee/Liaison Reports
 - a. Ordinance Review Committee Recommendations on Dog Control, Curfew and Fireworks Ordinance Revisions
6. Correspondence, Presentations and Other Pertinent Information
 - a. Bridgton Farmers Market 2022
 - b. Conservation Project: Matt Markot, Executive Director Loon Echo Land Trust
7. New Business
 - a. Awards and Other Administrative Recommendations
 1. Community Development Block Grant Recommendations by CDAC
 2. Discussion of Annual Town Meeting
 - b. Permits/Documents Requiring Board Approval
 1. Approval of Town Manager's Contract
 2. Accept Payment and Approve Quit Claim Deed to Alexa Roos, Map 11, Lot 13-10
 3. Accept Payment and Approve Quit Claim Deed to Alexa Roos, Map 11, Lot 13-17
 4. Resolution Supporting Application to the Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future Community Resilience Partnership Program
 - c. Selectmen's Concerns
 - d. Town Manager's Report/Deputy Town Manager's Report
8. Old Business (*Board of Selectmen Discussion Only*)
 - a. Wastewater Status Update

9. Treasurer's Warrants
10. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items (*Each speaker **may** be limited to 3 minutes.*)
11. Dates for the Next Board of Selectmen's Meetings
March 22, 2022
April 12, 2022
April 14, 2022 at 4:00 P.M. – Comprehensive Plan Workshop
April 26, 2022
12. Adjourn

Future Agenda Items:

1. Workshop for Review of Committees

Town Manager's Notes
Board of Selectmen's Meeting
March 08, 2022

1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Minutes

a. February 16, 2022

***Suggested motion:** Move to approve the February 16th Meeting Minutes.*

b. February 22, 2022

***Suggested motion:** Move to approve the February 22nd Meeting Minutes.*

c. February 24, 2022

***Suggested motion:** Move to approve the February 24th Meeting Minutes.*

5. Committee/Liaison Reports

a. The Ordinance Review Committee will be discussing their revisions to the Dog Control, Curfew, and Fireworks Ordinances with the Board.

6. Correspondence, Presentations and Other Pertinent Information

a. Representatives from the Bridgton Farmer's Market will be informing the Board about the upcoming season.

b. Matt Markot, Exec. Dir. LELT, is asking for support for the purchasing conservation easements on approximately 1,300 acres some of which is in Bridgton. He will be making a presentation to the Board.

7. New Business

a. Awards and Other Administrative Recommendations

1. The Community Development Committee (CDC) has met and voted their recommendations for funding from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2022-23 Program. As you will note in the included memo, the Board needs to receive the recommendations, review, and hold a Public Hearing and render a decision before submitting to the County. Please see the service organizations and bricks and mortar projects in your binder.

***Suggested motion:** Move to accept the Community Development Committee recommendations and set a Public Hearing for March 22, 2022.*

2. There is to be a discussion regarding voting the Town budget by referendum or open Town Meeting.

b. Permits/Documents Requiring Board Approval

1. Town Manager's Contract.

***Suggested Motion:** Move to approve the Town Manager's Contract.*

2. Alexa Roos, pursuant to the Town's *Tax Acquired Policy and Procedures* revised 01/22/08 (a copy of which is in your binders), is requesting that the Town quitclaim Map 11 Lot 13-10 back to her having paid the required fees (please refer to the copy of the receipt in your binders). The property has been inspected by the Code Enforcement Officer and a memo provided.

***Suggested Motion:** Move to accept payment and approve a Municipal Quitclaim Deed to Alexa Roos for property described as Map 11 Lot 13-10 Town of Bridgton Tax Maps.*

3. Alexa Roos, pursuant to the Town's *Tax Acquired Policy and Procedures* revised 01/22/08 (a copy of which is in your binders), is requesting that the Town quitclaim Map 11 Lot 13-17 back to her having paid the required fees (please refer to the copy of the receipt in your binders). The property has been inspected by the Code Enforcement Officer and a memo provided.

Suggested Motion: Move to accept payment and approve a Municipal Quitclaim Deed to Alexa Roos for property described as Map 11 Lot 13-17 Town of Bridgton Tax Maps.

4. The Community Development Director is requesting a Resolution of support for an application to the Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future Community Resilience Partnership Program.

8. Old Business

- a. Wastewater Update

Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2022; 10:00 A.M.

Board Members Present: Carmen E. Lone, Chairman; Glenn R. Zaidman, Vice-Chairman; Paul A. Tworog;
Robert J. McHatton, Sr.; G. Frederick Packard
Administration Present: Deputy Town Manager Georgiann Fleck

1. Call to Order

Chairman Lone called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Board recited the "Pledge of Allegiance."

3. Executive Session Per MRS Title 1, Section 405.6.A for Personnel Matters

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to enter executive session at 10:04 A.M. per MRS Title 1, Section 405.6.A for personnel matters; second from Selectman McHatton. 5 approve/0 oppose

Motion was made by Selectman Packard to exit executive session at 11:27 A.M.; second from Vice-Chairman Zaidman. 5 approve/0 oppose

4. Adjourn

Motion was made by Selectman McHatton to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 A.M.; second from Selectman Packard. 5 approve/0 oppose

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie L. Chadbourne
Town Clerk

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

Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
February 24, 2022; 9:00 A.M.

Board Members Present: Carmen E. Lone, Chairman; Glenn R. Zaidman, Vice-Chairman; Paul A. Tworog;
Robert J. McHatton, Sr.; G. Frederick Packard
Administration Present: Deputy Town Manager Georgiann Fleck; Town Clerk Laurie Chadbourne

1. Call to Order

Chairman Lone called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Board recited the "Pledge of Allegiance."

3. Executive Session Per MRS Title 1, Section 405.6.A for Personnel Matters

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to enter executive session at 9:01 A.M. per MRS Title 1, Section 405.6.A for personnel matters; second from Selectman McHatton. 5 approve/0 oppose

Motion was made by Selectman Packard to exit executive session at 9:30 A.M.; second from Selectman McHatton. 5 approve/0 oppose

4. Adjourn

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 A.M.; second from Selectman Tworog. 5 approve/0 oppose

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie L. Chadbourne
Town Clerk

Town of Bridgton
Dog Control Ordinance

ARTICLE 1 – PURPOSE

The purpose of this ordinance is to control dogs throughout the Town of Bridgton in the interest of health, safety, and general welfare of its residents.

ARTICLE II – DEFINITIONS

Section 2.1 – **At Large** shall mean off the premises of the owner's property and not being under the control of any person by means of personal presence and attention, or ability to manipulate and command the conduct of the dog.

Section 2.2 – **Dangerous Dog** shall mean a dog which has bitten a person who was not a trespasser on the owner's premises at the time of the incident; or a dog which causes a reasonable person acting in a peaceable manner outside the owner's premises to be put in apprehension of imminent bodily harm.

Section 2.3 – **Dog** shall mean both male and female dogs or wolf-dog hybrids whether neutered or not.

Section 2.4 – **Keeper** shall mean a person in possession or control of a dog in accordance with Title 7 M.R.S. A. §3907 16.

Section 2.5 – **Nuisance dog** shall mean any dog that causes bodily injury, other than serious bodily injury, to an individual or a domesticated animal who is not trespassing on the dog or wolf owner's or keeper's premises at the time of the injury; a dog that causes a reasonable and prudent person who is not on the dog owner's or keeper's premises and is acting in a reasonable and nonaggressive manner to fear bodily injury, other than serious bodily injury, by assaulting or threatening to assault that individual or individual's domesticated animal; or a dog that causes damage to property or crops not owned by the dog owner or keeper while the dog is not on the owner's or keeper's premises in accordance with Title 7 M.R.S.A. §3907 20-A.

Section 2.6 – **Owner** shall mean any person, firm, association, or corporation owning, keeping, or harboring a dog.

ARTICLE III – LICENSE REQUIRED

All dogs kept, harbored, or maintained by their respective owners in the Town of Bridgton shall be licensed and tagged in accordance with the appropriate laws of the State of Maine M.R.S.A § 3921. All license applications to the Town shall be accompanied by a fee as provided in the Town of Bridgton Uniform Fee Ordinance.

ARTICLE IV – RESPONSIBILITIES OF DOG OWNERS

Section 4.1 – It shall be unlawful for any dog owner and/or keeper to cause or permit such dog to cause or permit such dog to disturb the peace of any person. Any owner and/or keeper causing or permitting a dog to bark, howl, or yelp continuously for twenty (20) minutes or intermittently for one (1) hour or more shall be in violation of this section. This does not apply to certain agricultural working dogs in accordance with Title 7 MRS § 3950.

Section 4.2 – It shall be unlawful for any dog owner or keeper to cause or permit such dog to disturb the peace by biting, chasing, or damaging the property of any person.

Section 4.5 – It shall be unlawful for any dog owner or keeper to cause or permit such dog to get into or open any garbage bags, bins, or other containers and/or to cause the garbage to be strewn in the immediate area. The dog owner or keeper shall be obligated to properly clean up the strewn garbage.

Section 4.6 – Any dog owner shall be responsible for failing to promptly remove and properly dispose of their dog's feces left on any sidewalk, street, beach, or publicly owned property or private property other than the property of the owner of the dog or of a person who has consented to the presence of the dog on his/her property.

Section 4.7 – Sections 4.5 and 4.6 do not apply if it occurs on the property of the dog's owner or to a dog accompanying any handicapped person, who, by reason of his/her handicap, is physically unable to comply with the requirements of these sections.

ARTICLE V – OFF PROPERTY

Section 5.1 All dogs must be on a leash and under control when off the owner's property while within the town limits of Bridgton.

Section 5.2 It shall be unlawful for any dog, licensed or unlicensed, to run at large, except when used for hunting purposes as permitted by Title 7 MRS §3911.

ARTICLE VI – CONFINEMENT OF CERTAIN DOGS

Section 6.1 – Any person who is assaulted by a dog without provocation or any person witnessing an unprovoked assault against a person or domesticated animal may file a written complaint with a Police Officer or Animal Control Officer that the dog is dangerous or vicious.

Section 6.2 – Procedure regarding the complaints of dangerous dogs and the method of restraint, confinement, or disposal shall be prescribed and required by Maine Statutes Annotated, Title 7, Section 3952-A and succeeding amendments.

ARTICLE VII – IMPOUNDING

Section 7.1 – Any Police Officer, Animal Control Officer, or Constable within the Town of Bridgton shall seize, impound, or restrain any dog violating this Ordinance or State law.

Section 7.2 – A dog found in violation of Article V shall be delivered to the owner when possible if the owner or keeper can be determined and is readily available to take possession of the dog.

Section 7.3 – When a dog of known ownership is found in violation of Article V three (3) or more times in a six (6) month period, an Animal Control Officer or person acting in that capacity, may take the dog to the animal shelter and notify the owner in accordance with Article VIII.

ARTICLE VIII – IMPOUNDMENT

Section 8.1 – When impounding any dog, the Animal Control Officer or Police Officer shall at the time of such impoundment list a number and description of violation(s), make a complete registry of the date of impoundment, breed, color, sex, and general condition of the dog as can be reasonably ascertained.

Section 8.2 – A copy of a registry as described in Section 8.1 shall be furnished to a shelter designated by the Town of Bridgton with written instructions setting forth conditions under which the dog may be released.

Section 8.3 – When a dog is impounded under the provisions of this Article, the Animal Control Officer, Police Officer, or person in control of the Animal Shelter shall, when possible, notify the owner ~~or keep~~ if they can be ascertained. Failure to give such notice shall in no way impose any liability upon the Town of Bridgton or its designated animal shelter for the destruction or transfer to another of any dog so impounded and not reclaimed.

Section 8.4 – If the owner does not claim the dog within six (6) days following impoundment then the animal shelter may dispose of the animal by adoption or otherwise in a proper and humane manner consistent with State laws.

ARTICLE IX – IMPOUNDMENT FEES

Section 9.1 – Owners may reclaim their dog by first licensing the dog, if applicable, according to Section 3 Article III, above, and by paying to the Town a fee for each offense as provided in the Town of Bridgton Uniform Fee Ordinance.

Section 9.2 – The owner will also be responsible for any additional costs incurred by the Animal Shelter prior to reclamation. Fees must be paid and a receipt of same presented to the shelter prior to the release of dog. All fees shall be deposited by the Town in the separate account as required by 7 M.R.S.A., Section 3945.

ARTICLE X – ENFORCEMENT

It shall be the duty of all Municipal Police Officers to enforce all the provisions of this Ordinance. Further, there shall be appointed an Animal Control Officer(s) who shall have the prime responsibility of enforcing this Ordinance. The officer shall have the authority to issue a summons in response to a violation of a provision of this Ordinance. Execution of the summons may lead to a fine.

ARTICLE XI – PENALTIES

Section 10.1 – Any person found in violation of any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a civil violation and liable to punishment by a fine not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00) for the first offense.

Section 10.2 – A second or subsequent offense shall result in a one hundred dollar (\$100.00) fine to the owner and or keeper of the dog(s).

Section 10.3 – Upon notification to the owner and the persistence of the violation, each day shall constitute a separate offense and subject the owner to the fine as stipulated for a second or subsequent offense for each day that violation exists.

ARTICLE XII – SEVERABILITY CLAUSE

If any part of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, such part shall be deemed severable and the invalidity thereof shall not affect the remaining parts of this Ordinance.

SECTION 15. AMENDMENTS

This Ordinance may be amended by a majority vote of any legal Town Meeting when such amendment is published in the warrant calling for the meeting.

Town of Bridgton
Dog Control Ordinance

~~SECTION 1. ARTICLE 1 – PURPOSE~~

The purpose of this ordinance is to control dogs throughout the Town of Bridgton in the interest of health, safety, and general welfare of its residents.

~~SECTION 2. ARTICLE II – DEFINITIONS AS USED IN THIS ORDINANCE UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE INDICATES~~

~~A. Dog shall mean both male and female whether neutered or not.~~

~~B. Owner shall mean any person, firm, association, or corporation owning, keeping, or harboring a dog.~~

~~C. At Large shall mean off the premises of the owner's property and not being under the control of any person by means of personal presence and attention, or ability to manipulate and command the conduct of the dog.~~

~~D. Dangerous Dog shall mean a dog which has bitten a person who was not a trespasser on the owner's premises at the time of the incident; or a dog which causes a reasonable person acting in a peaceable manner outside the owner's premises(,) to be put in apprehension of eminent bodily harm.~~

~~Section 2.1 – At Large shall mean off the premises of the owner's property and not being under the control of any person by means of personal presence and attention, or ability to manipulate and command the conduct of the dog.~~

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~~Section 2.6 – Owner shall mean any person, firm, association, or corporation owning, keeping, or harboring a dog.~~

~~SECTION 3. ARTICLE III – LICENSE REQUIRED~~

All dogs kept, harbored, or maintained by their respective owners in the Town of Bridgton shall be licensed and tagged in accordance with the appropriate laws of the State of Maine M.R.S.A § 3921. All license applications to the Town shall be accompanied by a fee as provided in the Town of Bridgton Uniform Fee Ordinance.

SECTION 4. ~~DISTURBING THE PEACE~~ ARTICLE IV – RESPONSIBILITIES OF DOG OWNERS

~~Section 4.1 – It shall be unlawful for anyone owning, possessing, or harboring a dog~~ any dog owner and/or keeper to cause or permit such dog to cause or permit such dog to disturb the peace of any person. Any owner and/or keeper causing or permitting a dog to bark, howl, or yelp continuously for twenty (20) minutes or intermittently for one (1) hour or more shall be in violation of this section. ~~This does not apply to certain agricultural working dogs in accordance with Title 7 MRS § 3950.~~

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~~Section 4.6 – Any dog owner shall be responsible for failing to promptly remove and properly dispose of their dog's feces left on any sidewalk, street, beach, or publicly owned property or private property other than the property of the owner of the dog or of a person who has consented to the presence of the dog on his/her property.~~

~~Section 4.7 – Sections 4.5 and 4.6 do not apply if it occurs on the property of the dog's owner or to a dog accompanying any handicapped person, who, by reason of his/her handicap, is physically unable to comply with the requirements of these sections.~~

SECTION 5. ~~ARTICLE V – RUNNING AT LARGE~~ OFF PROPERTY

~~Section 5.1 All dogs must be on a leash and under control when off the owner's property while within the town limits of Bridgton.~~

~~Section 5.2 It shall be unlawful for any dog, licensed or unlicensed, to run at large, except when used for hunting purposes as permitted by Title 7 MRS §3911.~~

SECTION 6. ~~ARTICLE VI – CONFINEMENT OF CERTAIN DOGS~~

~~A. It shall be unlawful for the owner or keeper of a female dog to cause or permit such dog to be beyond the owner's premises at any time while the dog is in heat unless such dog is restrained with a leash, cord, or chain which shall not be more than eight (8) feet long by the owner or agent.~~

~~B. Section 6.1 – Any person who is assaulted by a dog without provocation or any person witnessing an unprovoked assault against a person or domesticated animal may file a written complaint with a Police Officer or Animal Control Officer that the dog is dangerous or vicious.~~

~~Section 6.2 – Procedure regarding the complaints of dangerous dogs and the method of restraint, confinement, or disposal shall be prescribed and required by Maine Statutes Annotated, Title 7, Section 3952-A and succeeding amendments.~~

SECTION 7. ARTICLE VII – IMPOUNDING

Section 7.1 – Any Police Officer, Animal Control Officer, or Constable within the Town of Bridgton shall seize, impound, or restrain any dog violating this Ordinance or State law.

Section 7.2 – A dog found in violation of ~~Section 5~~ **Article V** shall be delivered to the owner when possible if the owner or keeper can be determined(,) and is readily available to take possession of the dog.

Section 7.3 – When a dog of known ownership is found in violation of ~~Section 5~~ **Article V** three (3) or more times in a six (6) month period, an Animal Control Officer or person acting in that capacity, may take the dog to the animal shelter and notify the owner in accordance with ~~Section 8~~ **Article VIII**.

SECTION 8. ARTICLE VIII – IMPOUNDMENT

Section 8.1 – When impounding any dog, the Animal Control Officer or Police Officer shall at the time of such impoundment list a number and description of violation(s), make a complete registry of the date of impoundment, breed, color, sex, and general condition of the dog as can be reasonably ascertained.

Section 8.2 – A copy of ~~this registry~~ **a registry as described in Section 8.1** shall be furnished to a shelter designated by the Town of Bridgton with written instructions setting forth conditions under which the dog may be released.

Section 8.3 – When a dog is impounded under the provisions of this Article, the Animal Control Officer, Police Officer, or person in control of the Animal Shelter shall when possible, notify the owner ~~or keep if they~~ can be ascertained. Failure to give such notice shall in no way impose any liability upon the Town of Bridgton or its designated animal shelter for the destruction or transfer to another of any dog so impounded and not reclaimed.

Section 8.4 – If the owner does not claim the dog within six (6) days following impoundment then the animal shelter may dispose of the animal by adoption or otherwise in a proper and humane manner consistent with State laws.

SECTION 9. ARTICLE IX – IMPOUNDMENT FEES

Section 9.1 – Owners may reclaim their dog by first licensing the dog, if applicable, according to Section 3 Article III, above, and by paying to the Town a fee for each offense as provided in the Town of Bridgton Uniform Fee Ordinance.

Section 9.2 – The owner will also be responsible for any additional costs incurred by the Animal Shelter prior to reclamation. Fees must be paid and a receipt of same presented to the shelter prior to the release of dog. All fees shall be deposited by the Town in the separate account as required by 7 M.R.S.A., Section 3945.

SECTION 10. SANITATION REQUIREMENTS BY DOG OWNERS

~~A. Any person who, as defined by this Ordinance as an owner or a dog, shall be responsible for failing to promptly remove and properly dispose of their dog's feces left on any sidewalk, street, beach or publicly owned property or private property other than the property of the owner of the dog or of a person who has consented to the presence of the dog on his/her property.~~

Commented [1]: \$30 fee
Plus daily charge at discretion of the shelter

B. A dog shall be considered a nuisance if it defecates on any public property or private property, other than the owner's or keeper's property and the owner and or the keeper shall be obligated to remove and properly dispose of such wastes promptly from any such public or private property.

C. A dog shall be considered a nuisance if it gets into or opens any garbage bags, bins or other containers and/or to cause the garbage to be strewn in the immediate area. The owner and or keeper of the dog shall be obligated to properly clean up the strewn garbage.

This section does not apply if it occurs on the property of the dog(s) owner or to a dog accompanying any handicapped person, who, by reason of his/her handicap, is physically unable to comply with the requirements of these sections.

SECTION 11. ARTICLE X – ENFORCEMENT

It shall be the duty of all Municipal Police Officers to enforce all the provisions of this Ordinance. Further, there shall be appointed an Animal Control Officer(s) who shall have the prime responsibility of enforcing this Ordinance. The officer shall have the authority to issue a summons in response to a violation of a provision of this Ordinance. Execution of the summons may lead to a fine.

SECTION 12. ARTICLE XI – PENALTIES

Section 10.1 – Any person found in violation of any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a civil violation and liable to punishment by a fine not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00) for the first offense.

Section 10.2 – A second or subsequent offense shall result in a one hundred dollar (\$100.00) fine to the owner and or keeper of the dog(s).

Section 10.3 – Upon notification to the owner or keeper and the persistence of the violation, each day shall constitute a separate offense and subject the owner or keeper to the fine as stipulated for a second or subsequent offense for each day that violation exists.

SECTION 13. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCE

This Ordinance specifically repeals "The Control of Dogs Ordinance" enacted by the Town of Bridgton in March of 1973 and re-enacted with amendments on June 3, 1993.

SECTION 14. ARTICLE XII – SEVERABILITY CLAUSE

If any part of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, such part shall be deemed severable and the invalidity thereof shall not affect the remaining parts of this Ordinance.

SECTION 15. AMENDMENTS

This Ordinance may be amended by a majority vote of any legal Town Meeting when such amendment is published in the warrant calling for the meeting.

SECTION 16. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect when enacted.

Commented [2]: Moved, combined under previous section 3 disturbing the peace renamed Nuisance dogs

Commented [3]: Increase – recommended by dog control officer, suggest addition of either Town summons or Civil summons
Creates funds for animal welfare – workshop on pet CPR,

Harrison: option of town or state summons for dog at large, first 50 then 100
Problem dog/nuisance first 25 then 50 then 100

Sebago: also has town or state
Abandonment – you leave, and you're not watching your pets or have anyone watching them (200-250, a judge would do over 1000)
Abuse – 500-1000
Problem/nuisance – 25 50 100

Suggestion that state laws are sufficient – abandonment/abuse is covered under state law – only reason to have a town law is a payment to the town/town summons

Abuse - Dogs in hot or cold cars, provide shelter, etc – commonly called in

Recommends to NOT exceed 200

Commented [4]: A fine not to exceed????

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**TOWN OF BRIDGTON
CONSUMER FIREWORKS USE ORDINANCE**

ARTICLE I. PURPOSE

Section 1.1. - Purpose

The purpose of this Ordinance is to regulate the use of consumer fireworks in the Town of Bridgton. This Ordinance does not regulate State permitted fireworks shows.

ARTICLE II. AUTHORITY

Section 2.1 - Authority

This Ordinance is adopted and hereafter amended pursuant to 30-A M.R.S. § 3001 *et seq.* and 8 M.R.S. § 223-A(2).

ARTICLE III. DEFINITIONS

Section 3.1 - Combustible Material

A Combustible Material is a gas, solid, or liquid that can be ignited and burned.

Section 3.2 - Consumer Fireworks

As used in this Ordinance, "Consumer Fireworks" means any fireworks authorized by the State of Maine for sale to the general public, as specifically defined in 8 M.R.S. § 221-A.

ARTICLE IV. CONSUMER USE OF FIREWORKS

Section 4.1 – Age Requirement

No person under the age of 21 may sell, purchase, or use Consumer Fireworks.

Section 4.2 – Day and Time of Use

- A. Holiday Use - Consumer Fireworks may be used between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 12:30 A.M. the following day on the specific dates listed below:
 - 1. July 4th
 - 2. December 31st
 - 3. The Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays immediately before and after July 4th

- B. Weekend Use – Except as provided in Section 4.2(A)(3), Consumer Fireworks may be used between the hours of 5:00 P.M. and 10:00 P.M. on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays.

Section 4.3 – Location

- A. A person may use Consumer Fireworks only on that person's property or on the property of another person who has consented in writing to the use of Consumer Fireworks on that property. If the user is a tenant, written consent must be obtained from the landlord. The written consent shall contain the name and contact information for the property owner and, as applicable, the landlord.
- B. No person shall use, display, discharge, fire, or cause to be exploded Consumer Fireworks within 50 feet of any Combustible Material or within 50 feet of any buildings or structures, with the exception of parking lots and temporary or permanent docks connected to the shoreland.

ARTICLE V. PENALTY

Section 5.1

In addition to any applicable penalties provided by 8 M.R.S. § 223-A, a violation of this Ordinance is a civil violation punishable by a fine of \$75 for the first offense, \$300 for the second offense, and \$500 for the third or subsequent offenses.

ARTICLE VI. ENFORCEMENT

Section 6.1

This Ordinance shall be enforced by the Town of Bridgton Police Department.

ARTICLE VII. EXCEPTIONS

Section 7.1

Pursuant to 8 M.R.S. § 227-B, this Ordinance does not regulate, restrict, prevent, or prohibit fireworks displays, as defined in 8 M.R.S. § 221-A, or the issuance of fireworks display permit pursuant to 8 M.R.S. § 227-A.

ARTICLE VIII. FILING

Section 8.1

The Town Clerk is ordered to provide to the State Fire Marshal a copy of this Ordinance within 60 days of its adoption or amendment.

Enacted: June 11, 2013

Amended: _____, 2021

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~~Section 3.2 – Weekend~~

~~As used in this Ordinance, the "Weekend" is the period from 5:00 P.M. Friday through 10:00 P.M. Sunday.~~

ARTICLE IV. ~~TIME OF DAY THAT CONSUMER~~ USE OF FIREWORKS ~~MAY BE UTILIZED~~

Section 4.1 – Age Requirement

No person under the age of 21 may sell, purchase, or use Consumer Fireworks.

Section 4.2 – Day and Time of Use

A. Holiday Use - Consumer ~~F~~fireworks may be ~~utilized-used~~ between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 12:30 A.M. the following day on the following specific dates listed below:

1. ~~The 4th of July~~ July 4th
2. December 31st

3. ~~The weekend-Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays immediately before and after July 4th following the 4th-day of JulyThe 31st-of December~~
4. ~~When the 4th-of July falls on a Monday, Consumer Fireworks may be used the preceding week-end.~~

B. Weekend Use – Except as provided in Section 4.2(A)(3), Consumer Fireworks may be used between the hours of 5:00 P.M. and 10:00 P.M. on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays.

Section 4.2

~~With the exception to Section 4.1, consumer fireworks may be used between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 10:00 P.M. during daylight savings time. After the end of the daylight savings time, consumer fireworks may be used between 9:00 A.M. and 9:00 P.M.~~

Section 4.3 – Location

- A. A person may use Ceconsumer Ffireworks only on that person's property or on the property of another person who has consented in writing to the use of Ceconsumer Ffireworks on that property. If the user is a tenant, written consent must be obtained from the landlord. The written ~~permission-consent~~ shall contain the name and contact information for the property owner and, as applicable, the landlord.
- B. No person shall use, display, discharge, fire, or cause to be exploded Consumer Fireworks within 50 feet of any Ceombustible Mmaterial or within 4050 feet of any buildings or structures, with the exception of parking lots and temporary or permanent docks connected to the shoreland.

ARTICLE V. PENALTY

Section 5.1

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This Ordinance shall be enforced by the Town of Bridgton Police Department.

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Enacted: June 11, 2013

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Town of Bridgton
Curfew Ordinance

ARTICLE 1 – PURPOSE

This ordinance exists to impose a curfew for those under the age of eighteen in the interest of public health, safety, and welfare for all citizens.

ARTICLE II – DEFINITIONS

Section 2.1 – **Curfew Hours** means the hours from 11:01p.m. until 6:00a.m. of the following day.

Section 2.2 – **Emergency** means unforeseen circumstances, or the resulting situation, calling for immediate action. This includes, but is not limited to, fire, natural disaster, or vehicular accident, as well as any situation requiring action to avert serious injury or the loss of life.

Section 2.3 – **Guardian** means a person or a public or private agency who, either pursuant to court order or acceptance of testamentary appointment, is the legal guardian of the minor. This definition also includes a person to whom parental powers have been delegated under Title 18-C M.R.S.A. §5-102.

Section 2.4 – **Minor** means any person who is under the age of eighteen.

Section 2.5 – **Parent** means a person who is a natural parent, adoptive parent, or step-parent of the minor.

Section 2.6 – **Public Place** means a place located in the Town of Bridgton to which the public, or a substantial group of the public, has access, including, but not limited to, streets, highways, sidewalks, parking lots, vacant lots, parks, and the common areas in and about apartment buildings, office buildings, hospitals, schools, shops, and places of entertainment such as movie theaters.

Section 2.7 – **Remain** means to linger or stay, as well as to refuse to leave when requested to do so by a police officer, or the owner or other person in control of a public place. This term also encompasses activities which may be mobile, such as walking, driving, and riding about in a public place.

Section 2.8 – **Restorative Justice** is a way of addressing conflict and crime that enables the person who caused the harm, people who were affected by the harm, and the community to create a meaningful solution.

ARTICLE III – OFFENSES

Section 3.1 – It shall be unlawful for a minor to remain in a public place during curfew hours.

Section 3.2 – It shall be unlawful for a parent or guardian of a minor to knowingly permit, or to allow by exercising insufficient control, the minor to remain in a public place during curfew hours.

ARTICLE IV – EXCEPTIONS TO PROSECUTION

Exceptions to prosecution under Article III are a minor who was;

- a. Accompanied by the minor's parent or guardian;
- b. Involved in an emergency or on an errand necessitated by an emergency;

- c. Engaged in an employment activity, or on the way to or from an employment activity, without any detour or stop except as necessary to drop off or pick up a co-employee;
- d. on an errand directed by a parent or guardian, without any detour or stop;
- e. on the sidewalk abutting the minor's home;
- f. attending a school, religious, or governmental activity, which is supervised by adults, or traveling to or from such a school, religious, or governmental activity without detour or stop;
- g. attending a recreational activity sponsored by the Town of Bridgton, a civic organization, or a similar entity, which is supervised by adults, or traveling to or from such an activity without detour or stop;
- h. exercising rights protected by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution;
- i. married, or otherwise legally emancipated.

ARTICLE V – ENFORCEMENT

Before taking any action to enforce this Ordinance, a ~~policy~~ police officer shall ask the apparent offender's age. The officer may ask for proof of the apparent offender's age, and shall be justified in taking action to ascertain the apparent offender's age in the absence of identification, such as taking the apparent offender into custody while contacting his or her parent or guardian, or accompanying the apparent offender to his or her residence for the purpose of obtaining identification.

If the apparent offender is a minor, or cannot produce identification proving otherwise immediately, the officer shall ask the reason for the apparent offender's being in a public place. The officer shall not take any action to enforce this section unless the officer reasonably believes that an offense has occurred and, based on any response as well as other circumstances, no exceptions listed in Article IV are applicable. If the officer does have such a reasonable belief, the officer may take the minor into custody for the purposes of contacting the minor's parent or guardian, as defined in Article 2.3 and 2.5, to come to take control of the minor. The police officer shall summon the minor and the minor's parent or guardian to the District Court for violation of this Ordinance. During this period, the officer may require the minor or the minor's parent or guardian or both to remain in the officer's presence for a period of up to two hours, so long as the officer complies with all requirements of law, including, without limitation, 17A M.R.S.A. §17.

ARTICLE VI – PENALTIES

Section 6.1 – The penalty for a minor who violates this Ordinance shall be ~~determined~~ in a meeting by the minor, their guardian or parent, and the officer adhering to the practice of restorative justice, and the minor shall be held subject to the agreed upon penalties.

Section 6.2 – The penalty for a parent or guardian who violates this ordinance may be:

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ARTICLE VII – SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this Ordinance is determined to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such determination shall not render invalid the remaining provisions.

Adopted 7/25/95

Town of Bridgton

Curfew Ordinance

ARTICLE 1 – PURPOSE

This ordinance exists to impose a curfew for those under the age of eighteen in the interest of public health, safety, and welfare for all citizens.

~~WHEREAS, there has been an increase in juvenile violence and crime, and an increased presence of juvenile gang activity in the Town of Bridgton; and~~

~~WHEREAS, the Town of Bridgton is obligated to provide for: the protection of minors from each other and from other persons, the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of the general public, and the reduction of juvenile crime, violence and gang-related activity in the Town; and~~

~~WHEREAS, a curfew for those under the age of eighteen will aid in the achievement of these goals, and will be in the interest of the public health, safety, and welfare;~~

~~NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN OF BRIDGTON:~~

~~Section 1. Title~~

~~This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the Curfew Ordinance of the Town of Bridgton, Maine.~~

ARTICLE II – Section 2. DEFINITIONS

Section 2.1 – Curfew Hours means the hours from 11:01p.m. until 6:00a.m. of the following day.

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Section 2.4 – Minor means any person who is ~~seventeen years of age or younger,~~ **under the age of eighteen.**

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~~Section 4. DEFENSES~~ **ARTICLE IV – EXCEPTIONS TO PROSECUTION**

~~It is a defense to prosecution under Section 3 of this Ordinance that the minor was;~~

Exceptions to prosecution under Article III are a minor who was;

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- b. Involved in an emergency or on an errand necessitated by an emergency;
- c. Engaged in an employment activity, or on the way to or from an employment activity, without any detour or stop except as necessary to drop off or pick up a co-employee;
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- e. on the sidewalk abutting the minor's home;
- f. attending a school, religious, or governmental activity, which is supervised by adults, or traveling to or from such a school, religious, or governmental activity without detour or stop;
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If the apparent offender is a minor, or cannot produce identification proving otherwise immediately, the officer shall ask the reason for the apparent offender's being in a public place. The officer shall not take any action to enforce this section unless the officer reasonably believes that an offense has occurred and, based on any response as well as other circumstances, ~~no defense provided in Section 4 is~~ **exceptions listed in Article IV are** applicable. If the officer does have such a reasonable belief, the officer

may take the minor into custody for the purposes of contacting the minor's parent or guardian, **as defined in Article 2.3 and 2.5**, to come to take control of the minor. The police officer shall summon the minor and the minor's parent or guardian to the District Court for violation of this Ordinance. During this period, the officer may require the minor or the minor's parent or guardian or both to remain in the officer's presence for a period of up to two hours, so long as the officer complies with all requirements of law, including, without limitation, 17A M.R.S.A. §17.

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Adopted 7/25/95

Laurie Chadbourne

From: Robert "Bob" Peabody, Jr.
Sent: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 2:39 PM
To: Matt Markot
Cc: Laurie Chadbourne; Linda LaCroix; Georgiann M Fleck; Nikki Hodgkins
Subject: RE: Conservation Project in Bridgton

Matt-

I have copied the Town Clerk so that the item is placed on the agenda.

Bob

Robert A. Peabody, Jr.
Bridgton Town Manager
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From: Matt Markot <execdir@lelt.org>
Sent: Monday, February 21, 2022 5:15 PM
To: Georgiann M Fleck <gmfleck@bridgtonmaine.org>; Robert "Bob" Peabody, Jr. <rpeabody@bridgtonmaine.org>
Subject: Conservation Project in Bridgton

Hello Bob and Georgiann,

I'm reaching out to fill you in on a conservation project Loon Echo Land Trust is developing and would also like to request that an agenda item be made for the March 8th Select Board meeting so that I can present the project to the Board and ask for a letter of support.

Here's the background: We are working with two separate land owners to purchase conservation easements on approximately 1,300 acres of undeveloped land, most of which is in Naples, but a small portion is in Bridgton and Sebago. The easements will protect the conservation values of the properties, in addition to securing public access to the lands for hunting, fishing, hiking, etc. One of the eased properties will also secure a new public access point to Sebago Lake, and the Bridgton lot has frontage on Otter Pond. The properties will remain in private ownership, meaning their tax status will not change. At this time, the portion located in Bridgton is enrolled in the Tree Growth program.

For the citizens of Bridgton, this means that access to lands they have traditionally enjoyed for recreation, hunting, etc. will be permanently secured, in addition to preserving the rural aesthetic of the town. The properties will continue to be managed for the timber crop as well, supporting the woods product industry.

We are seeking financing to purchase these easements from multiple sources, including the Land for Maine's Future program. We will not ask the Town to contribute financially. At the March 8th meeting, I would request two identical letters of support for the project addressed to the Board of Land for Maine's Future and the Board of the Portland Water District. I will be on hand to present the project and answer questions.

I'm attaching a map and draft letters for your review and to include in the Board packet. Please let me know if you have comments or feedback.

Thank you,
Matt

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**Town of Bridgton
3 Chase Street, Suite 1
Bridgton, ME 04009**

March 8, 2022

Portland Water District
225 Douglass St,
Portland, ME 04102

On behalf of the Town of Bridgton, we are writing in support of funding from the Portland Water District for the protection of the "Muddy River Forest" properties. The 1300-acre forest will remain in private ownership but be protected by Loon Echo Land Trust via a conservation easement and managed to protect its wildlife and aquatic resources, in addition to preserving a long history of public access to the properties by residents of the Town of Bridgton.

In addition to protecting hundreds of acres of upland forest that will continue to be managed for their timber crop, the project will permanently secure public access to these lands for activities like hunting and hiking, which Bridgton residents have traditionally enjoyed. The Town of Bridgton Comprehensive Plan identifies tourism as the town's most consistent economic sector that exists because of the "beauty of the lakes, mountains and streams of Bridgton and the Lake Region area," but warns that "access to forests and open space for recreational uses is a growing issue," and recommends planning to protect land for "recreational and other uses before particular valuable tracts are bought up." Furthermore, the Plan identifies the Route 302 area south of town as "Open Land with Historic Significance" that provides "a spectacular view of the mountains framed by trees" and gives the "feeling that Bridgton is a distinct town." The plan also identifies as Otter Pond as having a watershed "most at risk from new development," and states that there is "added impetus for proper management," because the town's economy is so tied to water resources.

Conservation of the Muddy River Forest properties, the Otter Pond and Sebago Lake Watersheds, and management of the land as publicly accessible open space will help protect Bridgton's critical water resources, preserve and enhance close-to-home recreational opportunities for residents, and support the most critical sector of its economy: tourism.

We fully support this proposal and encourage you to give it the highest possible consideration.

Sincerely,

The Bridgton Board of Selectmen

Carmen Lone

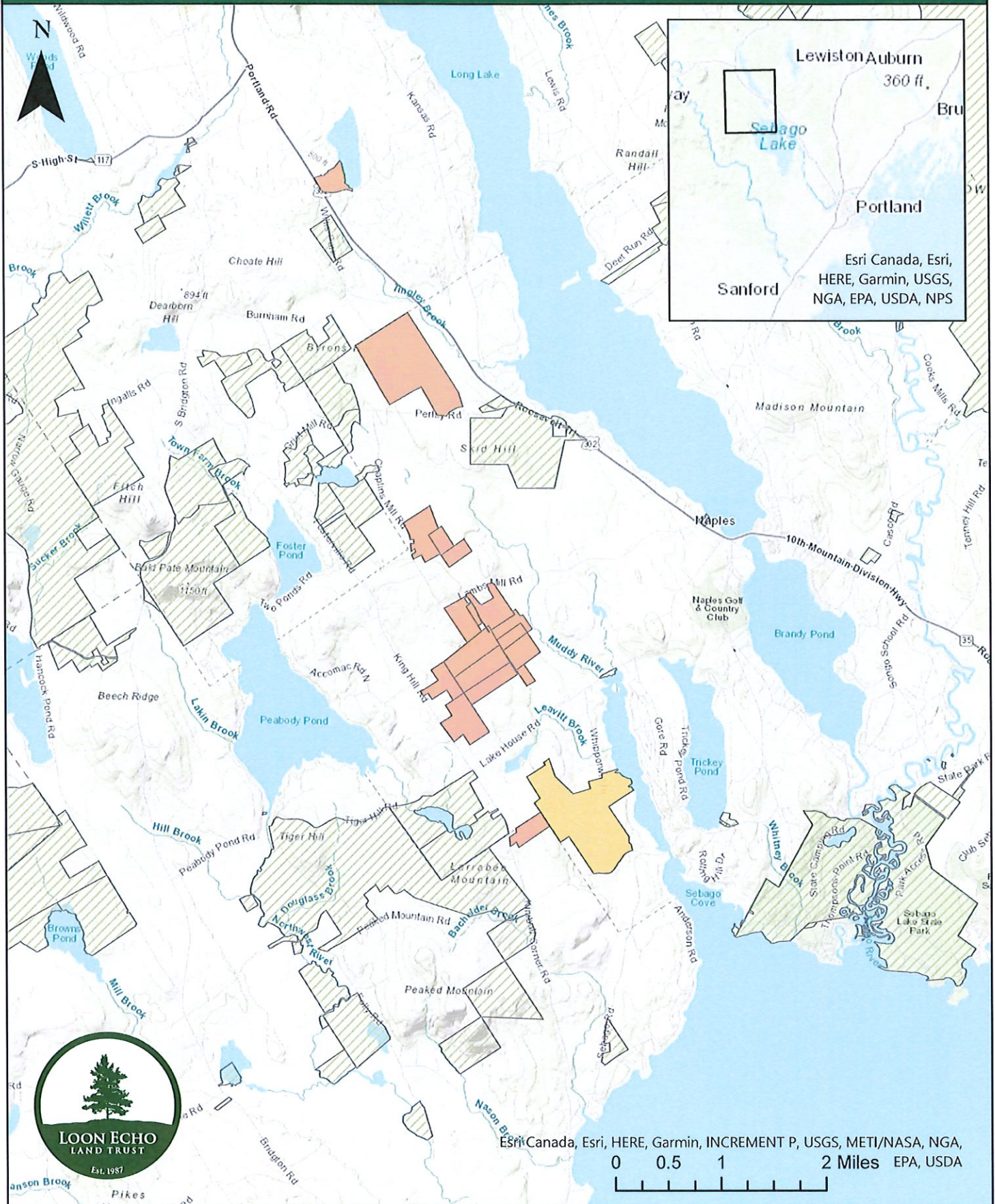
Glenn Zaidman

G. Frederick Packard

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Muddy River Forests



Property 1 Prop. 2 Maine Conserved Lands

Town of Bridgton
Office of the Community Development Director
MEMORANDUM

To: Public Notice
From: Linda LaCroix, Community Development Director
RE: March 8, 2022 Selectboard Meeting Agenda Item 7.a.1 Community Development Block Grant Recommendations by CDAC, and Public Hearing Scheduled for March 22, 2022: **Access to Community Development Block Grant 2022-2023 Program Applications**
Date: 3/2/2022

In reference to the above March 8, 2022 Selectboard Meeting agenda item 7.a.1, access to the CDBG applications is provided in hard copy to the Selectboard and in digital form to the public under Public Notices on the town website, www.BridgtonMaine.org, or by emailing VHill@BRigtonMaine.org. A hard copy is also posted at the Town Office entry lobby.

You can access the documents directly by clicking [here](#).

Notice of the public hearing scheduled for March 22 is included below.

TOWN OF BRIDGTON

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Municipal Officers of the Town of Bridgton will hold a Public Hearing at 4:00 PM, Tuesday, March 22, 2022 on the Community Development Advisory Committee recommendations to the Selectboard for funding of 2022-2023 Community Development Block Grant applications. The applications will be made available on the Town website, www.bridgtonmaine.org, and copies will be posted at the Town Office. The meeting will be held in person and remote access will be provided. Information on how to participate remotely will be published at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Please direct any questions to Linda LaCroix, Community Development Director at llacroix@bridgtonmaine.org or 207-803-9956.

February 12, 2022

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Thank you for your time,

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RE: RE 1515 and RE1522; Keene Lane *Laurie*
DATE: February 17, 2022

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Community Development Department

MEMORANDUM

To: Town of Bridgton Selectboard
From: Tori Hill, Deputy Community Development Director
RE: Community Resilience Partnership
Date: 2/28/2022

Dear Selectboard,

Through the Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future (GOPIF) Community Resilience Pilot Project we identified the following priority actions through community workshops during the summer of 2021: (This is the pilot project implementation phase).

1. Establishing standards/protocols for town infrastructure improvements related to sustainability and resilience
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The parties recommended addressing action #1 listed above as the highest priority. This was our first step in the process which granted the town with \$28,000 to carry out the action. The next step was to complete the attached Community Resilience Self Evaluation, and the third is for our elected leadership to sign a municipal resolution. Completing these three steps allows us to apply for \$50,000 to carry out a related project from the six remaining priority actions under the Partnership Phase.

Partnership Phase

The Town of Bridgton 2014 Comprehensive Plan Chapter 12 states Goal 6-1-1-7 "To preserve a balance of agriculture and forest resources as future development occurs" with the corresponding strategy 6-1-1-7-1 to "encourage cooperation among organizations and land owners to establish an open space protection program, including woodlands and farm fields."

Town of Bridgton
Community Development Department

Last week the Conservancy Research Group met with the Town of Windham Planning Director and Environmental and Sustainability Coordinator to discuss their recently adopted Open Space Master Plan (available on Town of Windham website). This plan was prepared by an outside entity by collecting community input through forums and a website specifically designed for the project.

Based on conversations with the Town of Windham, the Conservancy Research Group, Town Manager Bob Peabody, and our community through guided workshops, the Community Development Department would like to pursue this \$50,000 of grant funding to hire a consultant to develop an open space plan that will engage the community specifically on land use. This will inform our future land use section of the 2024 Comprehensive Plan.

To proceed we request the Selectboard sign the resolution attached.

Respectfully,
Tori Hill

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TOWN OF BRIDGTON, MAINE

WHEREAS, the Town of Bridgton has completed the Community Resilience Partnership's Community Resilience Self-Assessment and List of Community Actions, and held a community workshop on August 23, 2021, which prioritized the following action areas:

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BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Bridgton commits to participating in the Community Resilience Partnership, which supports community leadership in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and increasing resiliency to extreme weather and climate change impacts

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town of Bridgton designates Linda LaCroix, Community Development Director, and Victoria Hill, Deputy Community Development Director to coordinate planning, implementation, and monitoring of energy and resilience projects and to be the primary point of contact to the Community Resilience Partnership

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Selectboard members desire to engage the town in the State of Maine's Community Resilience Partnership Program.

The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Bridgton, Maine

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----- Glenn R. Zaidman, Vice Chairman

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Community Resilience Self-Evaluation

Instructions: This tool is intended to help organize your community's approach to increasing resilience to natural hazards and climate change impacts. Answer the questions to the best of your knowledge and seek information from your colleagues in municipal and county government and organizations in your community. Provide any relevant information in the explanation field. If it is difficult to give a clear yes or no response to a question, use the explanation field to explain why. **There are no wrong answers and the responses here will not affect your community's eligibility to receive grants.** Where the response to a question is no, that may indicate an area of opportunity to address through a Community Action Grant.

Community name:	Bridgton, Maine
Self-Evaluation responses provided by: Please include contact info	Linda LaCroix, Director of Economic Development llaCroix@bridgtonmaine.org
Date:	March 2, 2022
Was this evaluation discussed during a community workshop? Include the date of the workshop.	No, this specific self-evaluation was not discussed during a community workshop. Certain subject matters have been discussed in planning for our Comprehensive Plan Update.

Once the questions on the following pages are complete, use these prompts to identify potential next steps for your community:

What are two things your community is doing well?	Bridgton is investing in critical wastewater and streetscape projects and seeks understanding of climate change impacts with a goal to incorporate resilience actions/criteria for decision making in our comprehensive plan and land use.
What are two areas that could be improved in the short-term?	Broadband connectivity using fixed wireless and subject matter consulting to inform our 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update.
What is important for your community to address in the long-term?	Increasing equitable access to shelter - we are in need for affordable housing. Developing a resilience protocol department-wide
What specific 3 to 5 actions are priorities for your community?	1. Establishing standards/protocols for town infrastructure improvements related to sustainability and resilience 2. Update zoning for sustainability and resilience of natural resources 3. Update/create watershed management plans and protective ordinances.

Minimizing Risk and Exposure to Hazards	
1) Has your community assessed the likelihood of various types of hazards or disruptive events?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Your local or county hazard mitigation plan is a good starting place to find this information. Hazards can include storms, floods, wind, fire, extreme temperatures, drought, etc. Likelihood could be indicated either numerically or qualitatively as low, medium, or high.	Explanation: As part of the Community Resilience Pilot Program, Bridgton participated in workshops with GPCOG that identified climate hazards and the impacts they may have on the town. We looked at state and regional data on this information and discussed how concerned we are with each hazard.
2) Has your community assessed how the likelihood of each hazard has changed over time and may change in the future?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If your community has not tracked trends historically, you might infer past trends by determining if current priorities have shifted compared to past hazard mitigation plans. For example, drought or wildfire might be an emerging concern.	Explanation: As part of the Community Resilience Pilot program, we looked at the historical climate data and future trends at a regional and state level. However, we can still do more to collect data and assess changes at our local community level. We also have not incorporated this information into town documents.
3) Has your community assessed the impacts or consequences of each type of hazard for the community?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
For example, flooding on Main Street impedes emergency services or affects local businesses.	Explanation: We have broadly looked at the impacts of climate hazards, and specifically how they may impact vulnerable populations (e.g. elderly, households with no vehicles). The workshops as part of the Community Resilience Pilot Program discussed local impacts from each hazard and GPCOG developed a Bridgton Resilience Profile for us to assess specific locations of the impacts. However, we have not completed a full vulnerability assessment and can still do more to fully understand the impacts.
4) Is your community taking steps to reduce exposure to multiple risk types?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Your local or county hazard mitigation plan probably contains this information.	Explanation: We are currently conducting a project assessing how climate resilience standards can be incorporated into town planning and policy documents. The recommendations that come from this project will aid in reducing future climate risk.
6) Is your community preparing for low-probability-but-high-consequence events?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
These events could be, for example, a 1-in-100-year flood, or a prolonged electricity outage or heating fuel shortage. What events might the community need to consider?	Explanation: We have assessed the risk of these events; however, we have not taken steps to prepare for or adapt to low-probability events. The town is open to updating standards that account for these events.

7) Has your community assessed the consequences of multiple events or different types of hazards occurring in geographic or temporal proximity?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Examples could include back-to-back flooding events or a power outage during a heat wave.	Explanation: Bridgton developed an Emergency Civil Preparedness Plan, but it does not go into detail around planning for multiple events. We have not currently
8) Is your community assessing emerging risks (e.g. drought, wildfire) and identifying blind spots?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
In addition to natural hazards, consider public health threats that might be worsened by climate change, such as contamination of drinking water sources and vector-borne diseases from ticks and mosquitos.	Explanation: Bridgton is concerned about vector-borne diseases and water quality impacts. We recently completed a Wastewater Climate Action Plan to identify some of these areas. However, we still need more data to thoroughly evaluate these risks.

Understanding Sensitivity and Building Resilience	
9) Is your community tracking underlying societal characteristics and trends that increase vulnerability?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
This information might be found in your community's comprehensive plan or economic development plan. Examples of characteristics and trends might include older or low-income populations, low housing availability, reliance on a single economic driver, aging infrastructure, environmental degradation, etc.	Explanation: As part of the Community Resilience Pilot Program, GPCOG created a Resilience Profile for us that included information on social vulnerabilities such as low-income and older populations. As part of our upcoming Comprehensive Plan update, we will be assessing these vulnerabilities in greater detail.
10) Is your community proactively addressing vulnerabilities associated with these underlying characteristics?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Look in your community's comprehensive plan or economic development plan for strategies that might address these trends.	Explanation: Existing strategies in our town documents need to be updated as they currently do not address these characteristics.
10) Does your community have financial resources in reserve to cope with or absorb shocks?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
For example, a rainy-day fund.	Explanation: The Town has multiple reserve accounts from which it can pull to assist with unexpected circumstances.
12) Is your community building flexible human capacity that can be drawn on in emergencies?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
For example, community emergency response teams (CERT) or mutual aid agreements with neighboring communities.	Explanation: Being a member of GPCOG provides capacity for our town in these situations. We also rely on FEMA services to aid in emergency responses. The Town has completed and periodically updates its emergency management plans as required by FEMA.

Improving Long-term Adaptive Capacity	
13) Does your community have plans or policies that anticipate future climate risks and community sensitivity trends?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Examples might include a comprehensive plan chapter that describes how the community is planning for climate change impacts, or a capital improvement plan that requires construction projects to consider future conditions like sea level rise, extreme rain, or drought.	Explanation: Bridgton recently completed a Wastewater Climate Action Plan that looks at how flooding and inundation will impact systems, with a focus on climate adaption. Many of our other plans do not anticipate climate specific risk, although several goals and strategies may still create climate resilience. The current effort to update the Comprehensive Plan (with a 2024 date to bring before the voters) is framed under the lens of sustainability, resilience, and equity. Each of the required subject matters will go through a set of criteria under the "triple lens" to optimize guidance on resilience standards, which then can be referenced to support modifications to our Land Use Code to increase resilience in future development projects.
14) Are there resources to sustain new capacity when needed?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
This is different from Question 10 in that these resources would need to sustain a new long-term commitment rather than a one-time, short-term response. For example, if flooding emerges as an issue, a revenue source such as a stormwater utility fee could sustain a new community stormwater management program.	Explanation: The Town does not have any specific fee structures dedicated to sustaining new capacity, however rates are structured for wastewater for example that include contingency and equipment updating factors.
15) Does the community have policies in place to build back smarter or recover with resilience after a disruptive event?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Examples might include a flood ordinance that requires compliance with the current building codes after substantial damage, or a communitywide post-disaster recovery plan.	Explanation: Our ordinances are up-to-date with the most current standards, and based on FEMA flood insurance maps. However, we do not have resilience standards when recovering from a disruptive event.
16) Does the community stress test to ensure plausible risks are manageable?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
This might be a table-top exercise with emergency management and community stakeholders, or a financial health analysis.	Explanation: The emergency management and fire departments for the Town conduct these types of exercises periodically.
17) Does the community have a policy or process for managing uncertainty?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Does the community have a way of making important decisions when information is incomplete or unavailable?	Explanation: There is no specific guidance to inform decision-making to address uncertainty.
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