

BRIDGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING AGENDA

DATE: Monday, March 14, 2022

TIME: 2:00 P.M.

PLACE: Town Office Meeting Room, 3 Chase Street, Suite 1, Bridgton
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2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Resolution Supporting Application to the Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future Community Resilience Partnership Program
4. Other
5. Adjourn

Town of Bridgton
Community Development Department

MEMORANDUM

To: Town of Bridgton Selectboard
From: Tori Hill, Deputy Community Development Director
RE: Community Resilience Partnership
Date: 3/11/2022

Dear Selectboard,

The Community Development Department appreciates your time and willingness to hold a special meeting regarding this project. We have carefully considered your input and made the following changes to the proposed resolution:

- There is a new paragraph stating that we intend to establish an Open Space Plan with the grant funds from the Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future (GOPIF)
- The "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED" paragraph now states the "Town Manager or Town Manager's designee" as the primary point of contact for the Community Resilience Partnership.

Included with this memo is an email from GPCOG Director of Sustainability Sara Mills-Knapp, our liaison and primary point of contact for the application to the GOPIF, advising that we do not change the required language or submit our application after the deadline.

After receiving your feedback on the project and reassessing the State's options, the Community Development Department strongly recommends we pursue funding of an Open Space Plan for the following reasons:

- This project would address priority community actions 3 through 7 identified by Bridgton residents in community workshops (listed on the proposed resolution).
- Chapter 12 of the Town of Bridgton Comprehensive Plan states establishing "an open space protection program" as a strategy to Goal 6-1-1-7: "To preserve a balance of agriculture and forest resources as future development occurs."
- This proposed project addresses the goals of the GOPIF as open space can preserve critical wildlife habitat, reduce flood risk and erosion, and sequester carbon.
- Open Space Plans act as a guide to decision-making specific to land use using community input. Open Space Plans have been adopted by at least eighteen Maine municipalities.
- Hiring a consultant to develop an Open Space Plan provides an opportunity to increase community engagement efforts during our current Comprehensive Plan Update at no cost to the taxpayers of Bridgton.

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:

1. Establishing standards/protocols for town infrastructure improvements related to sustainability and resilience
2. Vulnerability assessment of town infrastructure with a focus on equitable and safe futures
3. Update zoning for sustainability and resilience of natural resources (protect headwater streams etc.)
4. Nature based solutions for lake shore stabilization and lake health
5. Develop/update critical habitat maps
6. Update or create watershed management plans and protective ordinances
7. Tree planting for increase shade, carbon reduction, and Maine woods aesthetics

WHEREAS, the Town of Bridgton intends to pursue funding from the Community Resilience Partnership to establish a municipal Open Space Plan which corresponds to Community Actions 3-7 listed above and addresses strategy 6-1-1-7-1 in Chapter 12 of the Town of Bridgton Comprehensive Plan;

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 the Town Manager or the Town Manager's designee 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

----- Carmen E. Lone, Chairman

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

----- Robert J. McHatton

----- Frederick G. Packard

----- Paul A. Tworog





Victoria Hill

From: Sara Mills-Knapp <smills-knapp@gpcog.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2022 11:50 AM
To: Victoria Hill
Subject: community resilience partnership resolution

Hi Tori, thank you for letting me know about the resolution. We do not advise changing the language in the resolution as GOPIF declares this is required language and cannot be modified. Additionally, we do not advise submitting the application for the grant late, I am certain it won't be considered if submitted late.

Best,
Sara

Sara Mills-Knapp
Director of Sustainability
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