

Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2022; 4:00 P.M.

Board Members Present: Carmen E. Lone, Chairman; Glenn R. Zaidman, Vice-Chairman; Robert J. McHatton, Sr.; Paul A. Tworog; 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, Police Chief Phil Jones; Fire Chief Glen Garland; Public Works Foreman Jason Thompson; Executive Assistant Nikki Hodgkins

1. Call to Order

Chairman Lone called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Board recited the "Pledge of Allegiance."

3. 4:00 P.M: Solar Farm Workshop with Planning Board

Chairman Lone opened the workshop with the Planning Board. Planning Board Members Deb Brusini, Dan Harden, Kenneth Gibbs, Dee Miller, Rolf Madsen, and Catherine DiPietro were present.

4. Approval of Minutes

a. April 26, 2022

Motion was made by Selectman McHatton for approval of the April 26, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes; second from Vice-Chairman Zaidman. 5 approve/0 oppose

5. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

There were no public comments on non-agenda items.

6. Committee/Liaison Reports

Chairman Lone reported that the work of the Ordinance Review Committee is ongoing.

7. Correspondence, Presentations and Other Pertinent Information

a. Update From Community Development Director and Greater Portland Council of Governments on Resilience Project

Community Development Director Linda LaCroix and Greater Portland Council of Governments Director of Sustainability Sara Mills-Knapp provided a brief update on the Resilience Project.

8. New Business

a. Awards and Other Administrative Recommendations

1. Request to Accept Payment and Approve Quit Claim Deed to Howard Tucker for Tax Acquired Property Located on Howard Trail (Map 8, Lot 36A-10S), Land Only

a. Recommendation from Code Enforcement Officer

Motion was made by Selectman Packard to accept payment and approve a Municipal Quit Claim Deed to Howard Tucker for property described as Map 8, Loy 36-10S Town of Bridgton Tax Maps; second from Selectman McHatton. 5 approve/0 oppose

2. Request to Accept Payment and Approve Quit Claim Deed to Howard Tucker for Tax Acquired Property Located at 112 Howard Trail (Map 8, Lot 36D), Land & Building

a. Recommendation from Code Enforcement Officer

Motion was made Vice-Chairman Zaidman to direct the Town Manager to dispatch the Code Enforcement Officer and Police Department to inspect the property and report their findings back to the Board; second from Selectman Packard. Police Chief Phil Jones will use extra caution. 5 approve/0 oppose

b. Permits/Documents Requiring Board Approval

1. Victualer's License to Tarry-A-While (17 Tarry-A-While Road)
2. Victualer's License to Beth's Kitchen Café (108 Main Street)

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman for approval of a Victualer's License to Tarry-A-While and Beth's Kitchen Café. 5 approve/0 oppose

c. Selectmen's Concerns

- **Selectman Packard** has been trying to get a covid booster shot in Bridgton without any success. Chairman Lone suggested that he contact Walgreens in Fryeburg.
- **Selectman Tworog** voiced concerns with the lack of signage at the municipal parking lot on Main Street to which Town Manager Peabody is reviewing options.
- **Vice-Chairman Zaidman** had no concerns.
- **Selectman McHatton** reported that he may not be able to attend the Community Development Advisory Committee meeting tomorrow morning.
- **Chairman Lone** had no concerns.

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

Town Manager Peabody read the following report into the record:

"Manager's Report, 05/10/22

General

Lyme disease is the most common vector borne disease in Maine. May is Lyme Disease Awareness Month in Maine. We encourage residents to stay tick free by being "Tick Wise". A public health advisory from Dr. Isaac Benowitz, State Epidemiologist, may be found on the Town's website.

The browntail moth is an invasive species of both forest and human health concern. Maine is the only state in the U.S. currently experiencing widespread problems with this moth. The microscopic hairs found on browntail moth caterpillars, shed skins, and cocoons can cause skin reactions and breathing problems. An alert on Brown Tail Moths may also be found on the website.

Personnel

Lora Lee Phillips began work in the Code Enforcement Office on Monday.

Public Services Director will be advertising the Water Reclamation Foreman position. There were no internal candidates.

Recreation Department

The Department offers various Adult Programs including Zumba, Tai Chi, Pickleball, Karate and Ping Pong at the Town Hall.

The Maine Event Prom Project is set up at the Ice Rink throughout May by appointment for those looking for but unable to afford a new prom dress.

Please note that Summer Rec and Swim Lessons are now open for registration.

Save The Dates: July 3rd At Dusk – Independence Day Fireworks, August 3rd – Zerbini Family Circus Returns

Community Development

The Town held a bid opening for the Oak Street Sidewalk Project. Aceto Earthworks from Lisbon was the successful bidder and will begin work early this summer. As a result of feedback from the neighbors, streetlights will not be included.

Code Enforcement

In April, the Office processed 50 building permits and reviewed 10 Planning Board applications.

Fire Department

A reminder for anybody cleaning up their property in Bridgton, burn permits are required to burn brush, yard debris, leaves etc. The permits are available in person at the Police Department M-F 8-4, or online at either www.burningpermit.com or www.burnpermit@infome.org. There is no charge for any burn permits. Please be very careful with any fire and make sure it is completely extinguished and cool to the touch when done."

Deputy Town Manager Fleck reported the Gray Weather Service has issued a red flag warning due to the dry conditions.

9. Old Business

a. Wastewater Status Update

Town Manager Peabody provided a brief wastewater status and inner corridor work update.

Town Manager Peabody reported that he is still trying to get the pumping station funding through the County. It was announced that they did not accept our application and he has written back making several important points and seeking information as to what criteria was used to reject the Town request. The Town did receive funding through MDEP but they did not provide the forgiveness as they have in the past so he reached out to them requesting reconsideration. Vice-Chairman Zaidman thanked the Town Manager for his efforts and writing those letters.

10. Treasurer's Warrants

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman for approval of Treasurer's Warrants numbered 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110 and 111; second from Selectman Packard. 5 approve/0 oppose

11. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

There were no public comments on non-agenda items.

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

May 24, 2022 and June 14, 2022

13. Adjourn

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to adjourn the meeting at 5:42 P.M.; second from Selectman Packard. 5 approve/0 oppose

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie L. Chadbourne
Town Clerk