

Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
June 14, 2022; 4:30 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; Deputy Town Clerk Jamie L. Ferguson; Executive Assistant Nikki Hodgkins; Community Development Director Linda LaCroix, Finance Director Holly Heyman; Deputy Finance Director Jenna Domer;

1. Call to Order

Chairman Lone called the meeting to order at 4:30 P.M.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Board recited the "Pledge of Allegiance."

3. 4:30 P.M. Executive Session per MRS Title 1 Section 405.6.E. for Consultation with Legal

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to enter executive session; second from Selectman Packard. 5 approve/0 oppose

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to exit executive session at 5:07 P.M.; second from Selectman Packard. 5 approve/0 oppose

4. Action Items Following Executive Session

a. Agreement Between Town of Bridgton and Public Works Department

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to ratify the Agreement between the Town of Bridgton and Public Works Department; second from Selectman Tworog. 5 approve/0 oppose

5. Approval of Minutes

a. May 24, 2022

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Zaidman to approve the May 24, 2022 minutes; second from Vice-Chairman Zaidman. The minutes were amended to correct two clerical errors.

5 approve/0 oppose (as amended)

6. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Planning Board Chair Deb Brusini thanked Vice-Chairman Zaidman for his six years of service on the Selectboard.

7. Committee Liaison Reports

Selectman McHatton stated the Recycling Committee would like the Town policy regarding recycling and trash containers at public events be enforced. Selectman McHatton would like to make it clear that pay-per-bag's purpose is to get more recyclables out of the household trash bin and into the recycling bin to save taxpayers money. He also stated the theme of the July 4th parade is, "5 seasons," with the 5th season being mud season.

8. Correspondence, Presentations and Other Pertinent Information

a. 4H Exemption, Discussion with Assessor's Agent

The Selectboard spoke at length with Michael O'Donnell and Dennis Berube about whether the Assessing Office will grant exempt status to 4H. The Selectboard gave a consensus of approval of exempt status, but also felt more financial information was needed for the long term. . The decision was made to grant them exempt status for this fiscal year until more financial information is provided.

9. New Business

a. Awards and Other Administrative Recommendations

1. Supplemental Assessments as Recommended by the Assessor's Agent

Dennis Berube stated that Kingswood Camp LLC would no longer qualify for exemption and should receive a supplemental tax bill for 2021 and be added to the tax bills going forward. He stated he has already spoken with the owner, Mitchell Morgan, and confirmed that Mr. Morgan is operating a for-profit business and would not be seeking exempt status. **Motion** was made by Chairman Lone to approve the recommended supplemental tax. Second from Selectman McHatton. 5 approve/0 oppose.

2. Amendments to Personnel Policy:

a. Juneteenth Day

b. Personal Days

Town Manager Robert Peabody asked the Board to approve the addition of Juneteenth Day as a Town holiday. Town Manager Peabody also asked that personnel receive their three personal days upon the third year of continued service instead of the fifth year. This applies to non-union personnel only. Town Manager Peabody also requested the following administrative changes be made; the title of Finance Officer be changed to Finance Director, define Health Officer as a department head, Community Development Director/Planner drop the Planner as that is part of the job description. **Motion** was made by Selectman McHatton to accept all the changes to personnel policy as well as adding Juneteenth as a Town holiday. Second from Selectman Packard. 5 approve/0 oppose

b. Permits/Documents Requiring Board Approval

1. Pondicherry Park Access Easement over LEA Property

The Board is concerned over the verbiage used in the contract. The Board feels the agreement should be clear in that the Town has the right to get equipment into the park versus just the trail. It was suggested and agreed that the Town Manager should meet with LEA to obtain a more definitive agreement for Board consideration. **Motion** was made by Chairman Lone to table this item to the June 28th Selectboard meeting; second from Selectman Packard. 5 approve/0 oppose

2. Consent to Beano/Bingo Permit to St. Joseph Men & Women's Club

Motion was made by Selectman McHatton to approve the permit; second from Selectman Packard. Tom Leonard spoke briefly about the program. 5 approve/0 oppose

3. Request to Use Town Owned Property on August 20, 2022 for Dog Days of Bridgton

Carol Sunday, owner of Tasteful Things, spoke about the proposed event. Ms. Sunday clarified that the event would take place in the grassy area behind the community center and stated they would provide their own recycling bins. **Motion** was made by Selectman McHatton to approve Dog Days; second from Selectman Packard. 5 approve/0 oppose

4. Victualer's Licenses

a. Ricky's Diner, 257 Main Street

b. The Gazebo, 56 Portland Road

c. The Black Horse Tavern, 26 Portland Road

Motion was made by Selectman Tworog to approve Victualer's Licenses to Ricky's Diner, The Gazebo, and The Black Horse Tavern; second from Selectman Packard. 5 approve/0 oppose

5. Marijuana Establishment License Application from Sweet Dirt for an Adult Use Marijuana Store Located at 1 Beaver Creek Farm Road

Planning Board Chair Deb Brusini stated that Sweet Dirt had received approval from the Planning Board and clarified that the establishment is in the outer quarter. **Motion** was made by Selectman Tworog for approval of the application from Sweet Dirt; second from Vice-Chairman Zaidman. 5 approve/0 oppose

c. Selectman's Concerns

- **Selectman Packard** did not have any concerns, but hopes the roads improve soon. He also stated it has been a pleasure working with Selectman Zaidman for fifteen plus years and wished him luck in the future.
- **Selectman Tworog** extended his thanks to Selectman Zaidman and said it has been a pleasure working with him.
- **Selectman McHatton** stated he has worked with Selectman Zaidman for many years, complimented his strong stance, and thanked him for his service on the Board.
- **Chairman Lone** has no concerns other than losing Selectman Zaidman as a member of the Board. She said Selectman Zaidman has done a great job and thanked him for his commitment to the Town of Bridgton and its people.
- **Selectman Zaidman** 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
06/14/22

General

The annual Wellness Committee Employee BBQ will be held June 23rd from 11:30am-1:00pm. The Town Office will be closed between those times. Notices have been posted on the Town website and Facebook page.

Police Department

We enjoyed another successful Law Enforcement Torch Run with about 20 officers running through Bridgton to Harrison. Thanks to all who came out to support our efforts for Special Olympics Maine.

This past Saturday, Officer George was presented with the Law Enforcement Officer of the year award by the State of Maine American Legion.

Officer McCloud has been selected to partner with Through These Doors as a grant funded Domestic Violence Investigator. Through the grant, Officer McCloud will conduct extra follow-up and victim support to help strengthen criminal cases and ensure victim safety.

Two individuals have been selected to serve as Park Rangers this summer. We welcome Taylor Dosteli and Libby Blais to the team. They will provide a non-enforcement community presence throughout the summer at the local parks and beaches.

Recreation Department

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

Save The Dates:

July 3rd At Dusk – Independence Day Fireworks

August 3rd – Zerbini Family Circus Returns

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.

10. Old Business (*Board of Selectman Discussion Only*)

a. Wastewater Status Update

Town Manager Robert Peabody stated that construction is in full swing. He also said that we have been recognized by other communities for all the improvements the Town of Bridgton has made. Mr. Peabody said the Town did not receive funds from the county but will continue to apply for future grants and will continue working with rural development for gap funding.

11. Treasurer's Warrants

Motion was made by Selectman Zaidman to approve Treasurer's Warrants 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, and 124; second from Selectman Packard. 5 approve/0 oppose

12. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

No public comments

13. Dates for the Next Board of Selectman's Meetings

June 28, 2022

14. Adjourn

Chairman Lone adjourned the meeting at 6:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie L. Ferguson
Deputy Town Clerk