

Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2022; 5:00 P.M.

Board Members Present: Carmen E. Lone, Chair; Robert J. McHatton, Sr., Vice-Chair; Paul A. Tworog; Kenneth J. Murphy / **Board Member Absent:** 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 Victoria Hill; Code Enforcement Officer Brenda Day; Fire Chief Glen Garland; Police Chief Phillip Jones

1. Call to Order

Chair Lone called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Board recited the "Pledge of Allegiance."

3. Approval of Minutes

a. September 27, 2022

Motion was made by Vice-Chair McHatton for approval of the minutes from the September 27, 2022, Select Board Meeting; second from Selectman Tworog. 4 approve/0 oppose

4. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

There were no public comments.

5. Committee/Liaison Reports

Vice-Chair McHatton shared a proposed postcard to be sent out to the public regarding Pay-Per-Bag.

Motion was made by Vice-Chair McHatton to set the fee for a 30-gallon bag at \$1.25 and a 15-gallon bag at \$0.75. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Deb Brusini provided an update from the Ordinance Review Committee. She reported that the Committee is currently reviewing the Traffic Ordinance.

6. 5:30 Public Hearing

Chair Lone opened the public hearing at 5:30 P.M. to hear public comment on the following questions that will be presented to the voters via referendum ballot on November 8, 2022:

Question 1. Shall an ordinance entitled; "Town of Bridgton Municipal Solid Waste Pay-Per-Bag Ordinance" be enacted?

Deb Brusini commented that she is in support. Ms. Brusini asked if there was a negative for the Town if any prohibited materials are found in the bags to which Town Manager Peabody responded, "no."

Therese Johnson of the Recycling Committee clarified that the Town would not be bound by a contract should this pass. She stated that feels this ordinance would save the Town money that could be used elsewhere.

Jonathan Morrell, a Bridgton resident, stated he is not in favor of the proposed ordinance and that he feels it would cost the public more money with no reduction in taxes.

Question 2. Shall an ordinance entitled; “Amendments to the Town of Bridgton Dog Control Ordinance,” be enacted?

Question 3. Shall an ordinance entitled; “Amendments to the Town of Bridgton Consumer Fireworks Use Ordinance,” be enacted?

Question 4. Shall an ordinance entitled, “Amendments to the Town of Bridgton Land Use Code to Establish Standards for Solar Energy Facilities and Correct Miscellaneous Errors,” be enacted?

Chair Lone closed the public hearing at 5:37 P.M.

7. Correspondence, Presentations and Other Pertinent Information

There were no correspondence or other pertinent information.

8. New Business

a. Awards and Other Administrative Recommendations

1. Tax Acquired Property Map 8, Lot36D (Tucker)

Chair Lone read a memo from Police Chief Phillip Jones regarding the state of Mr. Howard Tucker’s property. Code Enforcement Officer Brenda Day then reviewed a list of requirements that was sent to Mr. Tucker. The Board asked if Mr. Tucker could complete the requirements within 60 days, to which Mr. Tucker agreed.

2. Tax Acquired Property Map 25, Lot 4 (Smoak)

Questions arose pertaining to potential complications of putting the property to bid or retaining the property. Discussion ensued. Town Manager Peabody stated he would gather a legal opinion regarding the Town’s liability for the next meeting.

3. Discussion of Bureau of Motor Vehicles Lease for Downstairs Meeting Room

The Board questioned the terms of the lease. Motion was made by Vice-Chair McHatton to not sign the proposed lease agreement; second from Selectman Murphy. Town Manager Peabody suggested the Board make a motion in the affirmative. Vice-Chair McHatton withdrew his motion and Selectman Murphy withdrew his second. **Motion** was made by Vice-Chair McHatton to sign the agreement; second from Selectman Murphy. 0 approve/ 4 oppose

b. Permits/Documents Requiring Board Approval

None

c. Selectman’s Concerns

- **Selectman Tworog** brought up concerns about the Daily Sun box outside of Reny’s. Deputy Town Manager Georgiann Fleck stated she has spoken to the assistant manager and the assistant manager said she would look into it and would follow up tomorrow.
- **Selectman Tworog** asked if they needed a motion regarding the Halloween closing of Elm Street. It was decided the issue will be put on the next agenda.
- **Selectman Tworog** raised concerns about the lack of painted crosswalks. Town Manager Peabody said he would speak to the public works department to see what can be done.

- **Selectman Murphy** asked about cleaning up the corn shop brook. Town Manager Peabody said that Public Works has looked into it and will be checking in with code enforcement regarding permitting for vegetation removal.
- **Vice-Chair McHatton** asked Town Manager Peabody if the street painting on Willett Road is the responsibility of the Town or Hannaford. Town Manager Peabody responded that he would check.
- **Chair Lone** did not have any concerns.

d. Town Manager's Report

DEPUTY TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT
October 11, 2022

General

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, hence the reason for purple lights. Domestic Violence is the No.1 cause of death for women aged 15-44; although 4 out of 5 are women, men and children are also at risk; 15 million children are exposed to domestic violence each year; Domestic violence is responsible for about 1,500 deaths annually; Domestic violence is a worldwide problem that can't be solved night to day but we can be informed, be alert, and report. Need HELP call the confidential hotline 1-800-537-6066.

Bridgton Recreation

The second annual Recreation Department fundraiser "Zombie Laser Tag and Haunted Walk" is scheduled for Friday October 21st and Saturday the 22nd and Friday the 28th and Saturday the 29th at the Bridgton Town Hall 5:00p.m. to 9:00p.m. \$6.00 for the walk only and \$16 for laser tag and walk. To volunteer, please reach out to Gary Colello, Director of Recreation at 207-647-1126. Festival of Lights is scheduled for Saturday, December 3rd. Upcoming trips include: The Magic of Christmas on December 10th. Bus leaves the Bridgton Town Hall at 12:15p.m. Tickets are \$45.00; Family trips include: Disney on Ice on December 17th beginning with a pizza party and disney trivia at 3:30p.m. at the Bridgton Town Hall and bus departs at 4:30p.m. Tickets are \$20.00 per person. Pre-registration is required for the trips. On October 20, 2022 the afterschool program will be participating in the annual Lights on Afterschool, a nationwide celebration of afterschool programs. We will be one of 8,000 sites across the nation sending the message that afterschool is key to children's success and we must keep the lights on and doors open after school. Please join us on Thursday, October 20, 2022 from 5:00p.m. to 7:00p.m. at Stevens Brook Elementary School, 14 Francis Bell Drive, where we will showcase our children's fantastic talents in Art, STEM, Physical Activity and Athletics. Please visit www.bridgtonmaine.org for a full listing of available activities and registration.

Town Clerk

Absentee ballots are available for the November 8th Election. 2023 Dog Licenses are available for renewal after October 15th. Reminder that 2nd quarter tax payments are due on or before November 15th. HEAP (Home Energy Assistance Program) is accepting walk in applications at the Bridgton Community Center, 15 Depot Street on Wednesday, October 19th from 9:00a.m. to 3:00p.m. and Wednesday, October 26th from 9:00a.m. to 3:00p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Georgiann M. Fleck, Deputy Town Manager

9. Old Business

a. Wastewater status update

Town Manager Peabody reported that the paving is well underway and is expected to be completed by November 15.

10. Treasurer's Warrants

Motion was made by Chair Lone to approve Treasurer's Warrants 1029 and 1030; second from Selectman Murphy. 4 approve/0 oppose

11. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

None

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

October 17, 2022; Workshop with Emergency Management at 4:30 P.M.

October 25, 2022

November 8, 2022

13. Adjourn

Motion was made by Chair Lone to adjourn at 6:50 P.M.; second from Selectman Murphy. 4 approve/0 oppose.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie L. Ferguson
Deputy Town Clerk