

Select Board Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2022; 5:00 P.M.

Board Members Present: Carmen E. Lone, Chairman; Robert J. McHatton, Sr., Vice-Chairman; Paul A. Tworog; Kenneth J. Murphy

Administration Present: Town Manager Robert A. Peabody, Jr, Deputy Town Manager Georgiann Fleck; Community Development Director Victoria Hill; Executive Assistant Nikki Hodgkins; Recreation Director Gary Colello

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. October 25, 2022

Motion was made by Vice-Chair McHatton for approval of the minutes from the October 25, 2022, Select Board Meeting; second from Selectman Murphy. 4 Approve / 0 Oppose

4. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Angie Cook from the Chamber of Commerce came to discuss the results of the 50/50 raffle event from this year's Brewfest. Ms. Cook noted that they wanted to donate the funds received from this event to the completion of the concession stand at Ham Complex. The donation amount is \$1,440.00

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman McHatton to accept a donation in the amount of \$1,440.00 to be used towards completing the concession stand at the Ham Complex; second from Selectman Tworog. 4 Approve / 0 Oppose

5. Committee/Liaison Reports

Vice-Chairman McHatton expressed his thanks to the Bridgton Recreation Director and the Community Development Director for their work in keeping the Select Board up to date on projects, events, and happenings around Bridgton.

Vice-Chairman McHatton also commented to the public that voting polls were still open until 8:00 p.m. and thanked all of the election staff and the Republicans and Democrats also working the polls.

Vice-Chairman McHatton also expressed his thanks to the Recycling Advisory Committee for their hard work on the Pay-Per-Bag project.

6. Correspondence, Presentations and Other Pertinent Information

There were no correspondence, presentations, or other pertinent information.

7. New Business

a. Awards and Other Administrative Recommendations

1. Supplemental Tax Certificate

Vice-Chairman McHatton requested that Denis Berube, Assessors Agent, who was present remotely to discuss the Town's Valuation with the board.

Mr. Berube discussed with the board the valuation process and what that entails

Motion was made by Selectman Tworog to approve the recommended November 8, 2022, tax abatements totaling \$13,168.54; second from Selectman Murphy. 4 Approve / 0 Oppose

2. Abatements

Mr. Berube further discussed the valuation process and additional discussion ensued.

Motion was made by Selectman Tworog to approve the recommended November 8, 2022, tax abatements totaling \$13,168.54; second from Selectman Murphy. 4 Approve / 0 Oppose

3. Road Name: Chippa Way (Map 5, Lot 32C-2)

John Barringer is requesting naming his private road Chippa Way. The Cumberland County E911 and our Addressing Officer approve.

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman McHatton to approve Chippa Way for the private road sited on Map 5 Lot 32 C2; second from Selectman Tworog. 4 Approve / 0 Oppose

4. Discussion of Lease with Bureau of Motor Vehicles

Discussion ensued and the Board directed Town Manager Peabody to reach back out to the BMV and express their concerns with moving forward and note that they would like to see additional concessions by the BMV within the lease to accommodate our requests.

5. Discussion of Sidewalks on Elm St., Highland Rd., Church St., and Kennard St.

Considerable discussion ensued.

Motion was made by Selectman Tworog to complete the Elm Street, Church Street, and Kennard Street sidewalks in concrete and that the Select Board appropriate the appropriate funds to make that happen; second from Selectman Murphy. 2 Approve / 2 Oppose (Motion Fails)

b. Permits/Documents Requiring Board Approval

Adult Use Marijuana Permit to Puffin Company 3 LLC (510 Portland Rd.)/Renewal

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman McHatton to approve an Adult Use Marijuana Permit renewal to Puffin Company 3 LLC; second from Selectman Tworog. 4 Approve / 0 Oppose

c. Selectmen's Concerns

- **Selectman Murphy** voiced his concerns about a letter sent to the Town by Barry DeNofrio, a resident on Woods Pond, about the water levels. He requested the Town Manager Peabody discuss the Town's stance as opposed to Barry's stance in regard to the water levels. Town Manager Peabody notes that the Town does have a policy and we are following that policy.
- **Selectman Tworog** thanked the Town Clerks office for their diligent work on this election.
- **Selectman Tworog** inquired about the interview with Town Manager Peabody on the Pay-Per-Bag program. He wanted to clarify whether or not the Transfer Station staff are checking dump stickers. Town Manager Peabody notes that yes we do check dump stickers.
- **Selectman Tworog** inquired about the status for the posting about the memorial school committee. Victoria Hill, Community Development Director noted that the ad for applications will be in this week's Bridgton News.
- **Selectman Tworog** formally suggested that the Town use an independent firm to explore the expansion of the wastewater system especially if we need to raise additional funding. He recommended our auditing firm to conduct this review and have them put together scenarios that would demonstrate the financial value of expanding the wastewater system.
- **Chairman Lone** thanked the election staff and noted they have always been exceptionally professional despite the difficulties they have to deal with.
- **Vice-Chair McHatton** clarified that the Pay-Per-Bag program is not against trash haulers. He notes that if the Pay-Per-Bag program does fail in the election that we will need to further address the recycling problem at a future date.

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

Town Manager Peabody submitted the following report and read it into the record:

Manager's Report
11/08/22

Finance Department

Finance will be processing Open Enrollment for employees beginning on November 15th through December 15th. Jenna has completed all the requirements to become a Certified Maine Treasurer. The certificate should be awarded in April of 2023.

Recreation Department

Festival of Lights: Saturday December 3rd and the parade theme this year is Candyland. Schedule for events is pending.

Upcoming trips: 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.

Community Development Department

Vision Bridgton will be holding it's "Phase 2 Training" with Community Heart & Soul coach Cat Ingraham this Thursday at 4pm in the Bridgton Community Center. Cat will be offering creative and effective ways to engage the public in our comprehensive plan process.

In addition, the Vision Bridgton logo contest ended on November 1st. Ten submissions were brought to the Bridgton Arts & Culture Subcommittee, and local Bridgton artist, Beth Murphy, has been chosen as the winner! The new logo will be on the community development page of the town website soon, along with ways to get involved in Bridgton's planning efforts.

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.

8. Old Business

a. Wastewater Status Update

Town Manager Peabody provided brief wastewater status update.

10. Treasurer's Warrants

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman McHatton to approve Treasurer's Warrants numbered: 1038, 1039, 1040, 1041, to the treasurer for collection; second from Chairman Lone. 4 Approve / 0 Oppose

11. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Vice-Chairman McHatton noted that he was asked by a citizen to comment on the grant for the work that needs to be done on Wildwood Road. He noted that they thought this was a well written grant for the Sucker Brook crossing and issued kudos to those who pulled it together.

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

November 22, 2022

November 29, 2022 @ 5:00 p.m.

December 13, 2022

December 27, 2022

13. Adjourn

Motion was made by Selectman Murphy to adjourn the meeting at 6:19 P.M.; second from Selectman Tworog. 4 Approve / 0 Oppose

Respectfully submitted,

Nikki L. Hodgkins
Executive Assistant