**Community Development Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, September 28, 2022**

**Members Present**: Kevin Raday, Evan Miller, Margaret Sanborn, Beth Cossey, Al Bottone, Amy Stone, Angie Cook, Maggie Lynn

**Others Present**: Tori Hill, Gary Colello, Bob Peabody, Deb Brusini,

Minutes from last meeting – approved

Bob McHatton reported:

Selectmen meeting: 2 properties costing town money, trying to find a resolution

Pam Ward (Harvest Moon Fest) was in attendance and does plan to do the festival next year

Mainely Melts is going in where Ricky’s Diner was. Take-Out style restaurant

Kevin asked about ADHOK Committee, Town will advertise for 7 people to sit on committee and report back to selectmen with 3 ideas for the old memorial school. Then it will go to voters for a non-binding referendum.

School board will give property to town by next fall 2023.

Wastewater plant scheduled to be finished June 2023.

Bob Peabody reported:

There will be a system in place in the event the wastewater plant loses power and that the plant could run 3-4 days without power.

Deb Brusini talked about the Letter of Concern state LD2003 is unsuitable for small towns. Signatures needed. No design standards/setbacks which is potentially problematic for this town. Attorneys have been assigned to analyze law and what it will impact. Still an unfunded mandate.

Bridgton population is 5600.

Planning board will have first workshop with legal on LD2003 on the 3rd Tuesday in October at town offices.

Amy suggested a written report from planning board each month. The board will submit minutes from their meetings once a month.

Gary reported that LD2003 and density greatly effects the rec department as well as childcare and transportation. Currently rec childcare are using tents at the old town hall due to lack of facilities. He discussed stats on density and what people want when they move to town.

October – Lights on After School – Open house for community to come in and see the different aspects of the after-school program

Margaret suggested that this committee does a study to see ways a rec center would work.

Rec is working on creating a workshop to restructure rec department, how they function and offer certain services that require certain training.

We need facilities like a shelter.

The rec department has grown 62% in the last year.