

Select Board Meeting Minutes
November 22, 2022; 5:00 P.M.

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

Administration Present: Town Manager Robert A. Peabody, Jr, Deputy Town Manager Georgiann Fleck; Town Clerk Laurie Chadbourne; Executive Assistant Nikki Hodgkins; Public Services Director David Madsen; Community Development Director Victoria Hill; Fire Chief Glen Garland

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.”

On behalf of the Select Board, Chair Lone congratulated and welcomed Carrye Castleman-Ross.

3. Approval of Minutes

a. November 8, 2022

Motion was made by Vice-Chair McHatton for approval of the minutes from the November 8, 2022 Select Board Meeting; second from Selectman Murphy. 5 approve/0 oppose

4. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Barry DeNofrio voiced concerns about comments made at the last Select Board Meeting to which Town Manager Peabody responded that he stands behind what was said. Mr. Denofrio does not agree with how the Woods Pond lake levels are being monitored. Public Services Director Madsen reviewed the policy that was adopted in December of 2020 after a lengthy discussion and review process. He added that the lake level data is posted on the website every two weeks for public viewing. Chair Lone thanked Mr. DeNofrio for his input. The Chair continues to support the policy.

5. Committee/Liaison Reports

Vice-Chair McHatton thanked the more than 2,800 residents that voted. Since pay per bag was voted down, the Recycling Committee will now move forward with new strategies to help raise the recycling percentages.

Vice-Chair McHatton requested that Community Development Director Victoria Hill review the presentation given to the CDAC by GPCOG to which Director Hill noted that they provided a tool to help with decision making of projects by reviewing and scoring the following categories: equity and community wellbeing; environmental stewardship; infrastructure and technology; economic development; and planning. Town Manager Peabody will arrange for GPCOG to present this to the Select Board at a future meeting.

6. Correspondence, Presentations and Other Pertinent Information

a. Recognition of Former Select Board Member George Frederick Packard

This item was tabled to a future agenda.

7. New Business

a. Awards and Other Administrative Recommendations

There were no awards or other administration recommendations.

b. Permits/Documents Requiring Board Approval

1. Victualer's License to Nectar of Maine, 115 North High Street

Motion was made by Selectman Murphy to approve a Victualer's License to Nectar of Maine; second from Selectman Tworog. 5 approve/0 oppose

2. Victualer's License to Magic Lantern / Maine 4H Foundation, 9 Depot Street

Motion was made by Selectman Murphy to approve a Victualer's License to Magic Lantern / Maine 4H Foundation; second from Selectman Tworog. 5 approve/0 oppose

3. Certificate of Commitment of Sewer User Rates Commitment #269

Motion was made by Vice-Chair McHatton to commit the August 1, 2022 to October 31, 2022 Sewer User Rate Commitment #269 comprising of 3 pages totaling \$8,763.48 to the Treasurer for collection; second from Selectman Murphy. 5 approve/0 oppose

c. Selectmen's Concerns

- **Selectman Murphy** had no concerns and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.
- **Selectman Castleman-Ross** had no concerns and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.
- **Vice-Chair McHatton** would like to reimplement employee birthday cakes and requested that Town Manager Peabody add that line item to the next budget for Board review and consideration.
- **Chair Lone** was happy to see the Christmas decorations go up and thanked the Public Services Department for their hard work.
- **Chair Lone** noted that the Board is appreciative of citizens that step up to make things better but the Board trusts staff and supports the policy and process on the Woods Pond lake levels.
- **Selectman Tworog** asked for the status of fire engine one to which Fire Chief Garland responded that he is carefully watching it along with the Public Services Department.

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

Deputy Town Manager Fleck submitted and read the following report into the record:

"TOWN OF BRIDGTON / DEPUTY TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT / November 22, 2022

General

The Revenue and Expenditure Report for the month of October 31, 2022 shows a benchmark of 33% with revenues at 25.77% and expenditures at 33.46%.

The Town Office, Public Works, Transfer Station and Recreation Department will be closed on Thanksgiving Day (Thursday) and Friday.

Bridgton Recreation

Come take a walk at the Bridgton Town Ice Rink and enjoy a Winter Wonderland/North Pole walk which is free to the public. It will be open daily beginning on December 2nd to the 23rd. 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. If you have any questions, please contact Gary Collello at 207-647-1126 or www.bridgtonmaine.org

Community Development

2023 Community Development Block Grant Applications are available on the Community Development page of the town website, www.bridgtonmaine.org Applications are due January 6th, and if you have any questions please reach out to Victoria Hill or Keri Montague at 207-647-8786.

Public Works

The Town of Bridgton Public Works Department has taken possession of a 2022 Western Star Dump/Plow Truck which is currently being prepped for winter.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Georgiann M. Fleck, Deputy Town Manager”

8. Old Business

a. Wastewater Status Update

Town Manager Peabody provided a brief wastewater status update.

9. Treasurer’s Warrants

Motion was made by Vice-Chair McHatton for approval of Treasurer’s Warrants numbered 1042 through 1048; second from Selectman Murphy. 5 approve/0 oppose

10. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

There were no public comments on non-agenda items.

11. Dates for the Next Board of Selectmen’s Meetings

- ~~November 29, 2022~~ Monday, November 28, 2022, Workshop with Recreation Department
- December 5, 2022, Workshop with Emergency Management
- December 13, 2022
- December 27, 2022

14. Adjourn

Motion was made by Selectman Murphy to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 P.M.; second from Vice-Chair McHatton. 5 approve/0 oppose

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie L. Chadbourne
Town Clerk