

**Select Board Meeting Minutes
December 27, 2022; 5:00 P.M.**

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

Board Member Absent: Robert J. McHatton, Sr., Vice-Chair

Administration Present: Town Manager Robert A. Peabody, Jr, Deputy Town Manager Georgiann Fleck; Town Clerk Laurie Chadbourne; Executive Assistant Nikki Hodgkins

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 – December 13, 2022

Motion was made by Select Board Member Castleman-Ross for approval of the minutes from the December 13, 2022 Select Board Meeting; second from Select Board Member Murphy. 4 approve/0 oppose

4. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Town Manager Peabody presented a birthday cake to Deputy Town Manager Fleck and everyone wished her a happy birthday.

5. Committee/Liaison Reports

Select Board Member Tworog reported that the Pondicherry Park Management Plan has been updated and there is a push to reduce the number of entrance signs to the park. He added that there is a topographical map to the park now.

The Board discussed Select Board Member Castleman-Ross serving as liaison on the Investment Committee and opted to review representation on other committees with Vice-Chairman McHatton.

6. Correspondence, Presentations and Other Pertinent Information

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

The Board brought agenda item 9 forward.

9. New Business

a. Awards and Other Administrative Recommendations

b. Permits/Documents Requiring Board Approval

1. Certificate of Commitment of Sewer User Rates Commitment #270

Motion was made by Select Board Member Tworog to commit the September 1, 2022 to November 30, 2022 Sewer User Rate Commitment #270 comprising 3 pages totaling \$13,725.80 to the Treasurer for Collection; second from Select Board Member Murphy. 4 approve/0 oppose

c. Selectmen’s Concerns

- **Select Board Member Tworog** complimented the Fire Department, Police Department and lineman workers that were in the middle of the storm during the holiday and thanked them for their service.
- **Select Board Member Castleman-Ross** thanked them all too and commented on how amazing it was that neighbors pulled together and helped each other out.
- **Select Board Member Murphy** echoed their sentiments and added that the Public Services Department did an excellent job.
- **Chair Lone** noted that the unusual conditions and flooding will be good discussion when meeting with emergency management.

d. Town Manager's Report/Deputy Town Manager's Report
Deputy Town Manager submitted and read the following into the record:

DEPUTY TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT
December 27, 2022

General

I would like to recognize all of the Departments that worked so hard this season to "light up our town" for the holidays!

I would also like to give a huge "shout out" to Todd Perreault, EMA Director; Public Works; Fire Department and Police Department for their exceptional work and dedication during the recent storms. The previous storm the Fire Department and Police Department responded to over 100 calls and public works put in 36+ hours. The most recent storm brought heavy rain and wind and then a flash freeze, their dedication to keep our town safe and passable as well as documenting all the calls and equipment used, was STEADFAST and deserves to be recognized! Good job everyone!

The Town Office is closed on Monday, January 2nd in recognition of New Years Day. I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and healthy New Years, Welcome 2023!

A Holiday Band Concert is planned at the Lake Region High School on Wednesday, December 28th at 7:30p.m. It is free to the whole family with our own Bridgton Community Band playing as well as the Westbrook City Band and the Fanfare Band.

Bridgton Recreation

Basketball season is underway with 90 participants, Learn to Skate/ Learn to Play Hockey 50 participants; Enrichment program is up to serving 90 different families with an average of 60-70 kids per day. We have started to break down the ice rink from Wonderland with a goal of filling the rink with water by the beginning of next week. Weather does not look promising for the rink to freeze but we will be open as soon as it does. We are looking for any unused working Christmas and Halloween décor for next years Haunted House and Wonderland Walk. We are also looking for suggestions for the next Adult Trip. Suggestions can be sent via email or facebook page.

Community Development

Community engagement has begun for Bridgton's Open Space Plan! This plan aims to guide the future of public access to the Town's natural resources and recreation areas and directly inform our Comprehensive Plan. Expect a postcard in your mailbox with information on how to access our new website and survey or to participate in-person or over the phone. The website and survey can now be found on the Community Development page of the Town's website. In addition, CDBG applications are due by 4p.m. on Friday, January 6th. Please reach out to Victoria Hill or Keri Montague for assistance.

The Revenue and Expenditure Report for the month of November 30, 2022 shows a benchmark of 42% with revenues at 29.96% and expenditures at 39.84%.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Georgiann M. Fleck, Deputy Town Manager

10. Old Business

a. Wastewater Status Update

Town Manager Peabody provided a brief wastewater status update.

11. Treasurer's Warrants

Motion was made by Select Board Member Tworog for approval of Treasurer's Warrants numbered 1057-1061, all inclusive; second from Select Board Member Murphy. 4 approve/0 oppose

12. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

There were no public comments on non-agenda items.

The Board returned to agenda item 7.

7. 5:30 P.M. Public Hearing to Accept Written and Oral Comments on a Special Amusement Permit Application from Shawnee Peak Holdings, LLC DBA Pleasant Mountain

Chair Lone opened the public hearing to accept written and oral comments on a Special Amusement Permit Application from Shawnee Peak Holdings, LLC DBA Pleasant Mountain at 5:27 P.M. There were no comments. Chair Lone closed the hearing at 5:30 P.M.

8. Action Items Following Public Hearing

Special Amusement Permit Application from Shawnee Peak Holdings, LLC DBA Pleasant Mountain

Motion as made by Select Board Member Murphy to approve a Special Amusement Permit Application from Shawnee Peak Holdings, LLC DBA Pleasant Mountain; second from Select Board Member Castleman-Ross. 4 approve/0 oppose

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

January 10, 2023 / January 18, 2023 at 4:30 P.M. (EMA Workshop) / January 24, 2023

14. Adjourn

Chair Lone adjourned the meeting at 5:33 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie L. Chadbourne
Town Clerk