

CDAC Meeting Minutes 03/09/23

Members present: Angie Cook, Kevin Raday, Beth Cossey, Maggie Lynn, Margaret Lindsey, Al Battone, Greg Bullard

Others Present: Wayne Rivet, Bridgton News, Carrye Castleman-Ross, Select Board, Gary Colelo, Bob Peadboy, Keri Montague

The CDAC has been meeting with organizations, institutions, and other entities that are pillars of Bridgton and make it unique. Having a locally run newspaper is seen as a key element in an informed and involved community. Rural towns that loose local newspapers typically loose a sense of community and have a town government which functions less well. Local newspapers are major components of a small town's vitality and economic health.

Accordingly, Wayne Rivet, Editor & Owner of the Bridgton News, met with the CDAC to discuss the state of small, rural newspapers in general and the Bridgton News in particular.

Wayne shared lots of insights on the above, participated in Q &A with committee members, and concluded with an understanding of how interwoven are the interests of the Town and the Bridgton News. The Committee gained a better understanding of this interaction and the need to be supportive.