

## Select Board Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2023; 4:30 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 L. Chadbourne; Police Chief Phillip Jones; Community Development Director Victoria Hill; Recreation Director Gary Colello; Executive Assistant Nikki Hodgkins

### 1. Call to Order

Chair Lone called the meeting to order at 4:30 P.M.

### 2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Board recited the “Pledge of Allegiance.”

### 3. 4:30 P.M. Executive Session per MRS Title 1 § 405.6.D. for Discussion Regarding the Fraternal Order of Police Collective Bargaining Agreement

**Motion** was made by Select Board Member Murphy to enter executive session at 4:31 P.M. per MRS Title 1 Section 405.6.D. for discussion regarding the Fraternal Order of Police Collective Bargaining Agreement; second from Select Board Member Tworog. 5 approve/0 oppose **Motion** was made by Vice-Chair McHatton to exit executive session at 4:48 P.M. ; second from Select Board Member Tworog. 5 approve/0 oppose

### 4. Action Items Following Executive Session

**Motion** was made by Chair Lone to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Bridgton and Fraternal Order of Police Collective Bargaining Agreement; second from Select Board Member Tworog. 5 approve/0 oppose

### 5. Approval of Minutes:

a. March 7, 2023

b. March 28, 2023

**Motion** was made by Vice-Chair McHatton for approval of the March 7, 2023 and March 28, 2023 Select Board Meeting Minutes; second from Select Board Member Murphy. 5 approve/0 oppose

### 6. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

There were no public comments on non-agenda items.

### 7. Committee/Liaison Reports

Select Board Member Tworog reported that Pondicherry Park will be providing a revised map and brochure to include trail mobility.

### 8. Correspondence, Presentations and Other Pertinent Information

#### a. Comprehensive Plan Update

Community Development Director Victoria Hill provided the Board with a brief Comprehensive Plan update.

#### b. Broadband Update

Community Development Director Victoria Hill provided a brief broadband update.

Brought agenda item 11 forward.

## 11. New Business

### a. Awards and Other Administrative Recommendations

#### 1. Greater Portland Council of Governments (GPCOG) General Assembly Delegates 2023

The Greater Portland Council of Governments Annual Summit is scheduled for Thursday, May 25, 2023 at St. Joseph's College with a lead-in meeting to the Summit of GPCOG's General Assembly. **Motion** was made by Chair Lone to appoint Chair Lone and Town Manager Peabody as delegates and Select Board Member Castleman-Ross as an alternate delegate for the Town of Bridgton; second from Select Board Member Murphy. 5 approve/0 oppose

#### 2. Dedication of Annual Town Report (July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022)

**Motion** was made by Vice-Chair McHatton to dedicate the July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 report to George Kimball and Mike Tarantino; second from Select Board Member Murphy. 5 approve/0 oppose

## 9. 5:30 P.M. Public Hearings

### a. New Liquor License Application from Sundown Lounge located at 18B Depot Street

Chair Lone opened the public hearing to hear public comment on a new Liquor License Application from Sundown Lounge at 5:28 P.M. Chair Lone closed the public hearing at 5:29 P.M.

### b. Special Amusement Permit Application from Sundown Lounge located at 18B Depot Street

Chair Lone opened the public hearing to hear public comment on a new Special Amusement Permit Application from Sundown Lounge at 5:29 P.M. Owner Mitchell Slattery was present and reported that he intends to only have live entertainment from 5PM until 10PM, he also understand that this permit is contingent upon Planning Board review and approval. Chair Lone closed the public hearing at 5:31 P.M.

## 10. Action Items Following Public Hearing

### a. New Liquor License Application from Sundown Lounge located at 18B Depot Street

**Motion** was made by Select Board Member Tworog for approval of the new Liquor License Application from Sundown Lounge located at 18B Depot Street; second from Vice-Chair McHatton. 5 approve/0 oppose

### b. Special Amusement Permit Application from Sundown Lounge located at 18B Depot Street

**Motion** was made by Select Board Member Tworog for approval of the Special Amusement Permit Application (**from 5PM-10PM**) from Sundown Lounge conditional upon review and approval by the Bridgton Planning Board; second from Select Board Member Murphy. 5 approve/0 oppose

### b. Permits/Documents Requiring Board Approval

#### 1. Kids to Park Days Proclamation

**Motion** was made by Select Board Member Murphy to proclaim May 20, 2023 as Kids to Park Days in the Town of Bridgton; second from Select Board Member Tworog. 5 approve/0 oppose

#### 2. Warrant and Notice of Election Calling Maine School Administrative District No. 61 Budget Validation Referendum on May 23, 2023

**Motion** was made by Select Board Member Tworog to countersign the Warrant and Notice of Election Calling Maine School Administrative District No. 61 Budget Validation Referendum; second from Vice-Chair McHatton. 5 approve/0 oppose

#### 3. Victualer's Licenses

##### a. Sundown Lounge located at 18B Depot Street (new)

##### b. Wolfie's Links, LLC (food truck) located at Food City Parking Lot (new)

- c. Morning Glory Diner located at 78 Portland Road (renewal)
- d. Big Apple Bridgton #1107 located at 16 Portland Road (renewal )
- e. Big Apple Bridgton #1000 located at 93 Main Street (renewal)
- f. Heathrow Corp DBA Food City located at 295 Main Street (renewal)

**Motion** was made by Select Board Member Tworog to approve the Victualer’s Licenses to Sundown Lounge, Wolfie’s Links, LLC, Morning Glory Diner, Big Apple Bridgton #1107, Big Apple Bridgton #1000 and Food City; second from Select Board Member Murphy. 5 approve/0 oppose

4. Marijuana Establishment License

- a. Marijuana Registered Dispensary and Medical Marijuana Caregiver Retail Store to Neptune’s Native Grown located at 224 Portland Road (renewal)

**Motion** was made by Select Board Member Tworog for approval of Marijuana Registered Dispensary and Medical Marijuana Caregiver Retail Store to Neptune’s Native Grown; second from Select Board Member Castleman-Ross. 5 approve/0 oppose

c. Selectmen’s Concerns

- **Select Board Member Murphy** had no concerns.
- **Select Board Member Castleman-Ross** hopes the businesses in Bridgton have a great summer.
- **Select Board Member Tworog** thanked the Public Services Department for repairing the plow damaged areas and encouraged the public to contact the Director with any road concerns.
- **Vice-Chair McHatton** had no concerns.
- **Chair Lone** asked about the status of the CMP pole on Elm Street to which Select Board Member Tworog responded that CMP has replaced the pole.

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

Deputy Town Manager Fleck read the following report dated April 11, 2023 into the record:

**Town Clerks Office**

**Nomination papers** for the following offices (all three-year terms) - (2) Select Board Member/Assessor/Overseer of the Poor; (1) Planning Board Member; (1) Planning Board Alternate Member; (2) MSAD #61 Director; (1) Water District Trustee are due at the close of business on Friday, April 14, 2023.

**General**

**Earth Day** cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> beginning at 8:30a.m. – 10:30a.m Meet at the Bridgton Community Center, 15 Depot Street, Bridgton, wear bright colors, gloves and bags will be provided. Sponsored by Loon Echo Land Trust.

The Town of Bridgton, with Sargent Corporation, will be re-starting construction on the **wastewater expansion project** beginning Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. Updates will be posted on the Town of Bridgton website as they become available.

Sidewalk construction for **Elm Street and Highland Road** began on Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. A time-line is posted on the Town of Bridgton website and updates will be posted as they become available.

It is with regret that we report the passing of **Valarie Woodman**. Valarie worked at the Bridgton Transfer Station for 9 years (2007-2016). We extend our sinceriest condolences to her spouse, family, and friends.

**Bridgton Recreation**

We are getting ready for **spring sports** next week. **Kids to Parks Day** is Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup>. **Summer Programs** are open for registration. **July 3<sup>rd</sup> Craft Fair** still has space for vendors! We have 24 vendors so far. Lifeguard/WSI/Summer Rec Staff **Training** starts mid June.

**Public Services Department**

Spring clean-up has begun in and around town. Roads will be un-posted on Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **Fire Department**

As the spring clean-up season has begun I would like to remind citizens and visitors alike that the burning of yard debris, leaves, brush, tree limbs, etc. requires a **burning permit**. These are available at no charge online at [www.maine.gov/burnpermit](http://www.maine.gov/burnpermit) through the Maine Forest Service. There will be times, particularly, in the next few weeks that conditions will be too dry to burn and the permit system will not issue permits on those days. Permits can also be issued in person at the Bridgton Police Department M-F from 0900-1600. Please keep in mind that any permitted burn **MUST** be attended by an adult at all times and must be completely extinguished before being left unattended. It is legal to have a small contained (outdoor fireplace or fire pit) fire for cooking, warming, or recreational use. Again, these fires must be attended by an adult and completely extinguished before being left unattended. Any questions please feel free to call 647-8814 during business hours or email [ggarland@bridgtonmaine.org](mailto:ggarland@bridgtonmaine.org)

### **Bridgton Police Department**

BPD is currently hiring for immediate patrol openings, please call or stop in if interested.

Officer Chaîne and Officer Gibbs are now in their 4<sup>th</sup> week of **K9 Patrol School**.

Bridgton PD is taking part in the bureau of Highway Safety distracted driving enforcement campaign this month ***U Drive. U Text. U Pay.***

The estimated economic cost of tangible losses resulting from all motor vehicle traffic crashes in the United States in 2019 (the most recent year for which cost data is available) was \$340 billion, of which \$98 billion resulted from distracted-driving crashes. When quality-of-life valuations are considered, the total value of societal harm from motor vehicle traffic crashes in the United States in 2019 was an estimated \$1.37 trillion, of which \$395 billion resulted from distracted-driving crashes.

Please refer to our website [www.bridgtonmaine.org](http://www.bridgtonmaine.org) for more information on events, etc. and to subscribe for alerts.

Until next time...be safe and be well  
Respectfully submitted,  
Georgiann M. Fleck, Deputy Town Manager

### 12. Old Business

#### a. Wastewater Status Update

Town Manager Peabody provided a brief wastewater status update.

### 13. Treasurer's Warrants

**Motion** was made by Select Board Member Tworog for approval of Treasurer's Warrants numbered 1094 through 1099, all inclusive; second from Select Board Member Murphy. 5 approve/0 oppose

### 14. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

There were no public comments on non-agenda items.

### 15. Dates for the Next Board of Selectmen's Meetings

April 25, 2023 (Regular Meeting), May 9, 2023 (Regular Meeting), May 23, 2023 (Regular Meeting), June 13, 2023 (Regular Meeting and Annual Town Election)

### 16. Adjourn

**Motion** was made by Vice-Chair McHatton to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 P.M.; second from Select Board Member Murphy. 5 approve/0 oppose

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie L. Chadbourne  
Town Clerk