

CDAC 05/10/23 Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Al Bottone, Beth Cosey, Maggie Lynn, Amy Stone, Margaret Sanborn (Vice Chair), Kevin Raday (Chair)

Others Present: Robert McHatton, Robert Peabody, Georgiann Fleck, Gary Colello, Tori Hill, Keri Montague, Matt Markot (LELT)

LIAISON / MANAGER REPORT (R. McHatton & R. Peabody)

- The Town has adopted a 4 day work week schedule for the Town office itself - Monday thru Thursday - effective July 1. The Town office will be closed on Friday. The hours for each of the remaining four days will be expanded - opening earlier and closing later - to retain the 40 hours. Schedules for operating departments will remain the same. The intent is to provide another tool in workforce retention in a very competitive & changing workplace as well as to provide residents with expanded hours of Town Office operation before and after normal office hours. This was done after surveying Town employees and also determining current practices in other Maine Towns.
- The SB received an update on the Salmon Point Campground prior to the beginning of the new season. In summary, this Town-owned property is doing quite well - it's well run & maintained, has a waiting list of prospective campers, and is operating at a profit to the Town. A success story.
- The SB received requests to fly Progress Flag at the Town Office during the month of June and to include an Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Statement on the Town website. Both were tabled.

BRIDGTON TRAIL SYSTEMS (Matt Markot)

This was a visual presentation of the various trail systems coming into Bridgton, their uniqueness as part of the village itself, and the opportunity to make even more connections between them. The trails are a great drawing card for Bridgton and provide an economic impact through all four seasons. Of note: 1) the trails themselves require only a small portion of any property, 2) a permanent trail system requires easements rather than informal agreements, 3) opportunities exist to extend and connect trails on land already owned by the Town, 4) there are existing trails that need to be restored, 5) all trails need provisions for maintenance, 6) there is funding available under various state and federal programs for developing trail systems.