

Select Board's Meeting Minutes

May 23, 2023; 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 Peabody; Deputy Town Manager Georgiann Fleck; Executive Assistant Nikki Hodgkins; Deputy Town Clerk Jamie L. Ferguson; Public Services Director David Madsen;

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 of May 9, 2023

Motion was made by Vice-Chair McHatton to Approve the Minutes of May 9, 2023. Second from Board Member Murphy. 5 approve/ 0 oppose

4. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Blaine Chapman, president of the Bridgton Easy Riders Snowmobile Club, addressed the Board. He thanked the Town for the use of properties for their trails. He also thanked local landowners for allowing the use of trails on their properties. Mr. Chapman stated that the Bridgton Easy Riders were voted Club of the Year out of the 268 clubs statewide. They are also the 8th biggest club in the state and are in their 50th year of operation. Chair Lone thanked them for all the hard work they've done maintain the trails and bringing business to Bridgton. Vice-Chair McHatton asked how they achieved snowmobile club of the year. Mr. Chapman responded that it's a combination of different things like the events they host, rally's, club trips, etc.

5. Committee/Liaison Reports

Board Member Tworog asked about the bulletin board at the entrance to the Reny's parking lot, stating the back of the board has been blank for some time and asked if it was a Town bulletin board. Chair Lone Stated it is owned by the historical society.

6. Correspondence, Presentations and Other Pertinent Information

a. Apparel Impact / Textile Recycling Presentation

Sally Chapel, Chair of the Recycling Committee, said they are very enthusiastic about Apparel Impact. She introduced Lisa Bitterman, Business Manager for the Maine Branch of Apparel Impact. Ms. Bitterman gave a presentation on Apparel Impact.

7. 5:30 P.M. Public Hearing

To Hear Public Comment On The Following Questions That Will Be Presented To The Voters Via Referendum Ballot On June 13, 2023:

Question 1. Shall an ordinance entitled "Amendments to Town of Bridgton Fire Protection and Life Safety Ordinance" be enacted? Deb Brusini clarified that the changes made were mostly to the dates of fire codes to make it more consistent with the State and that there are no substantial changes to the document. There were no public comments. Chair Lone closed the Public Hearing at 5:32 P.M.

Question 2. Shall an ordinance entitled "Repeal of Ordinance for Adoption of the International Building Code for One and Two Family Dwellings" be enacted?" Glenn Ruddin, Chair of the Ordinance Review Committee, clarified that this ordinance has been superseded by a State code and that the State code is what is used by Code Enforcement. There were no public comments. Chair Lone closed the Public Hearing at 5:33 P.M.

Question 3. Shall an ordinance entitled "Repeal of Town of Bridgton Phosphate Detergent Ordinance" be enacted?" Mr. Ruddin clarified that the State has banned all phosphates so this ordinance is no longer needed. There were no public comments. Chair Lone closed the Public Hearing at 5:34 P.M.

6. Correspondence, Presentations and Other Pertinent Information

a. Apparel Impact / Textile Recycling Presentation (continued)

David Madsen, Public Services Director, addressed the Board. He was unsure of what the difference would be between this service and the ones currently offered at the transfer station other than the educational portion. He also stated that we do not have problems with pickup and overflow. Discussion ensued about the placement of the receptacles. The Board is interested and would like to know more about the educational aspect.

8. New Business

a. Awards and Other Administrative Recommendations

1. Tax Abatements and Supplementals

Dennis Berube, Assessor's Agent, addressed the Board. **Motion** was made by Board Member Tworog to approve the recommended tax abatements and supplements. Second from Vice-Chair McHatton. 5 approve/0 oppose.

2. Transfer Station Alternate Work Schedule

Mr. Madsen presented the Board with several alternate work schedule options. Discussion ensued. **Motion** was made by Board Member Murphy to approve option one for the new transfer station schedule. Second from Board Member Castleman-Ross. Discussion ensued. 5 approve/0 oppose.

b. Permits/Documents Requiring Board Approval

1. New Road Name, Sunrise Shores (Map 29, Lot 15-1 and 14)

Motion was made by Vice-Chair McHatton to approve the new road name. Second from Board Member Tworog. 5 approve/0 oppose.

2. Certificate of Commitment of Sewer User Rates Commitment #275

Motion was made by Board Member Tworog to approve the certificate of commitment of sewer user rates commitment #275. Second from Vice-Chair McHatton. 5 approve/0 oppose.

3. Business Licenses Renewals

a. Victualer's License to Venezia Ristorante located at 251 North High Street

b. Victualer's License to Mack's Place located at 66 Portland Road

c. Adult Use Marijuana Store to Sweet Dirt located at 1 Beaver Creek Farm Road

d. Medical Marijuana Multiple Registered Caregiver Facility to Green Topper Growers located at 27 Sandy Creek Road

Chair Lone asked the Board's permission to add Main Street Creamery located at 187 Main St. to the list of businesses. 5 approve/0 oppose. The Board requested to vote on all the victualer's licenses at once. **Motion** was made by Chair Lone to approve all victualer's licenses listed. Second from Vice-Chair McHatton.

c. Select Board Comments

Select Board Member Murphy expressed sadness at the loss of his best friend and sister Betty Phillips.

Select Board Member Castleman-Ross Thanked Lucia Terry for her amazing work with the Town gardens.

Select Board Member Tworog said he loves the new Town Clerk's brochure. He also said the Sidewalk in North Bridgton could have been done in concrete. He expressed that he would like to have regularly scheduled Board meetings in different areas of town to make it easier for residents in those areas to attend. He said he also feels we should have more visible signs for municipal parking in town.

Vice-Chair McHatton asked if the Highland Lake crosswalks and speedbumps will be done? Public Services Director Madsen said they would be done when the sidewalks are completed.

Chair Lone reminded the public that private signs should not be placed on any Veteran's Memorials and that they should be taken down when the event is over. She also congratulated Public Services on the hiring of Larry Goodall.

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

9. Old Business

a. Wastewater Update

Town Manager Robert Peabody and Public Services Director David Madsen gave a brief Wastewater update.

10. Treasurer's Warrants

Motion was made by Board Member Tworog to approve Treasurer's Warrants Numbered 1108, 1109, 1110, 1111. Second from Vice-Chair McHatton. 5 approve/0 oppose.

11. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

There were no public comments.

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

June 13, 2023 (Regular Meeting and Annual Town Election)

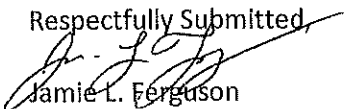
June 21, 2023, 5 P.M. Open Space Workshop

June 27, 2023 (Regular Meeting)

13. Adjourn

Motion was made by Chair Lone to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 P.M. Second from Board Member Tworog. 5 approve/0 oppose.

Respectfully Submitted


Jamie L. Ferguson
Deputy Town Clerk