



## Community Development June 2023 Report

### General Updates

**We're still hiring for the Deputy CDD position!**

### Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)



We are officially caught up on our CDBG infrastructure projects! Though most of the month was rainy, our contractors were able to complete Highland Beach and Elm Street sidewalks. Thank you, J Pratt Construction and Woodard & Curran Engineering, for all your hard work! On June 22<sup>nd</sup> the CDD, Town Manager, Public Services, and Woodard & Curran held a neighborhood meeting for the Church Street sidewalk project. Thirteen residents attended and had the opportunity ask questions. If all goes well with our requirements from HUD, we will bid the project this fall.

Bridgton's CDBG-funded sidewalk projects are:

- 2020 – Oak Street (completed October 2022) ✓
- 2021 – Highland Beach (completed June 2023) ✓
- 2022 – Elm Street (completed June 2023) ✓
- 2023 – Church Street (Dates TBD - Fall 2023)

Bridgton's 2023-2024 CDBG-funded service-provider projects are:

- Bridgton Community Center Navigator Program
- Bridgton Food Pantry

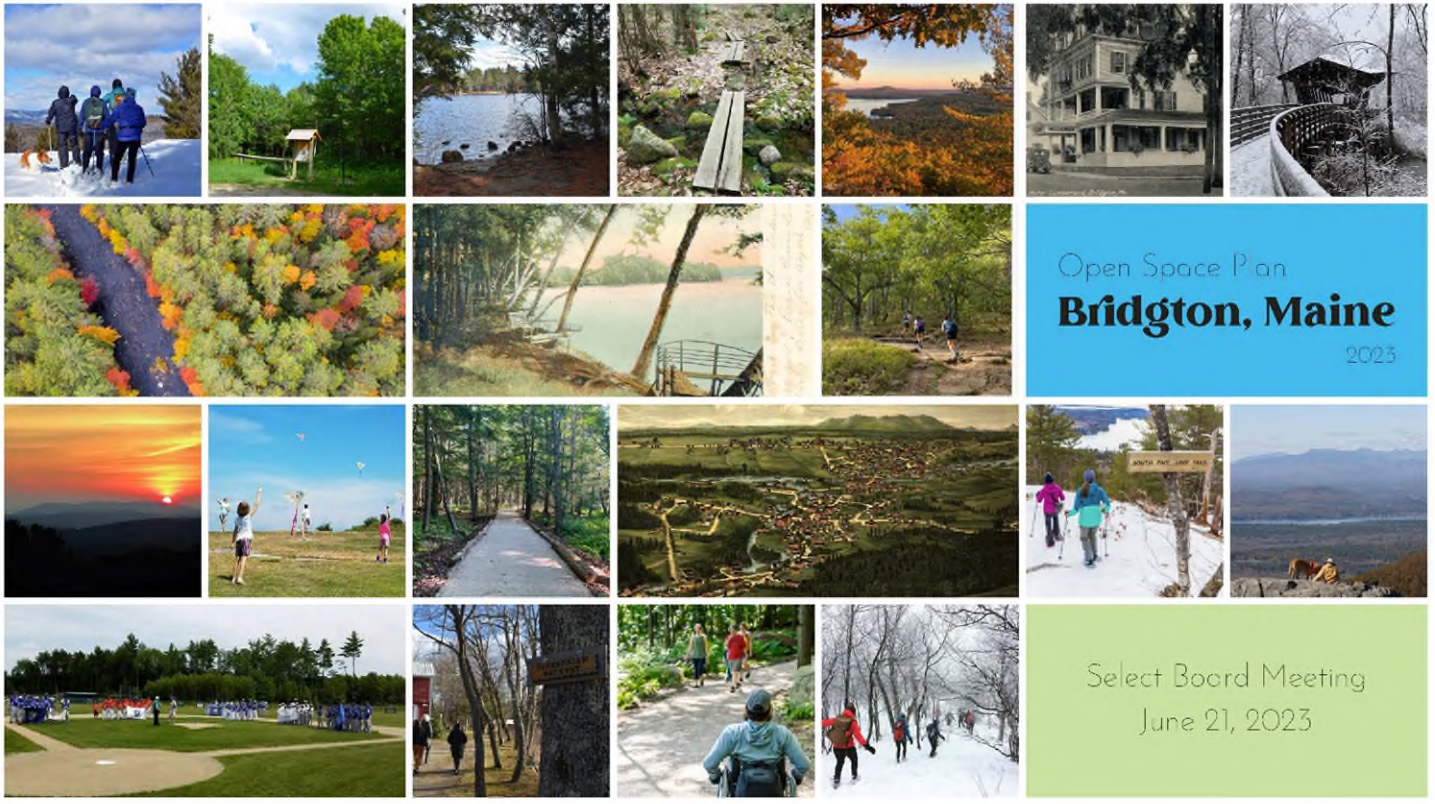
### Comprehensive Plan / Vision Bridgton (VB)

A selection team comprised of three members of our Comprehensive Plan Task Force and our CDAC Chair met on June 1<sup>st</sup> to score proposals and make a recommendation for a consulting firm to draft our comprehensive plan. The team ultimately decided to work with Berry Dunn and Woodard & Curran! We're very excited to partner with these two experienced firms and get to work!



### Open Space Plan

Viewshed delivered a final presentation to our Select Board on June 21<sup>st</sup>. The board will vote on adopting the plan in July. Thank you to the 620 Bridgton residents, lake region residents, and visitors who helped inform this plan and the future of public outdoor spaces in Bridgton!



## Grants & Other Funding Streams

### Secured:

- CDBG – annual allocation +/- \$200,000
- \$50,000 – Governor’s Office of Policy, Innovation, and the Future (GOPIF) – allocated to our open space plan
- \$10,000 – Community Heart and Soul Seed Grant – allocated to community engagement process (Bridgton Public Library acts as the fiscal sponsor for this)
- \$8,000 from GPCOG to assist with the transportation chapter of Bridgton’s comp plan
- ARPA – \$450k for Bridgton Sewer Main Extensions Project – **Award letter received June 13<sup>th</sup>!**

### In Progress:

- 1.4 million – EPA Earmark for Bridgton Sewer Main Extensions Project – extending sewer lines down Smith Avenue, Maple Street, Efficiency Way, and part of South High Street.

## Committee Updates

**Community Development Advisory Committee:** The CDAC is continuing a series of guest speakers.

**Arts & Culture Subcommittee:** Susie Guthro has stepped down from her position as Chair. She has accomplished some amazing things in Bridgton, and she will be missed on the A&C!

**Ordinance Review Committee:** ORC is finalizing the Traffic ordinances and will begin revising the Outdoor Festival Ordinance over the next few months.

**Planning Board (workshops):** PB is reviewing LD 2003 and subdivision regulations – **LD2003 Extension received!**

**Bridgton Memorial School Ad Hoc Committee:** The BMSAH has met twice, and is planning a site visit at the school next month.

Thank you for reading,

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