

## **CDAC 07/12/23 Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:** Al Bottone, Greg Bullard, Beth Cossey, Jim Kidder, Evan Miller, Amy Stone, Mary Tworog, Kevin Raday (Chair)

**Others Present:** Deb Brusini, Carrye Castleman-Ross, Sally Chappell, Gary Colello, Georgiann Fleck, Tori Hill, Rolf Madsen, Maureen McDevitt, Dee Miller, Mary Gardiner

### **Select Board & Town Manager's Report** (Robert Peabody)

- the assessment base increased by \$30,000,000, a very substantial increase
- The sales assessment ratio & Q rating - 2 measures by which the State evaluates a towns assessment status - are moving closer to requiring the town to update assessments in order to remain in good standing to receive state aid
- SB set the tax rate at 13.2 %
- the waste water budget is basically flat
- SB approved lease-purchase of a new excavator for Public Services
- Rec Dept reserve account cap was increased from \$50,000 to \$100,000 to reflect current needs
- SB approved applying for two grants from the State for improvements at the Moose Pond boat ramp and for paving the parking area\* at Highland Beach. With a tight deadline and limited time to review, the SB will revisit the projects when grants are actually received.

### **Tiny Houses / Tiny House Parks** (Anne Krieg, Planning Officer, Bangor)

With workforce housing being an issue throughout Maine, Anne Krieg made a presentation on tiny homes and tiny home parks. Bangor has recently created an ordinance that allows for the creation of tiny house parks (in effect groupings of tiny houses) as a solution to the need for more housing stock. Discussion included dimensional standards, set backs, and buffers that enhanced integration into the surrounding area.

### **Recycling**

The CDAC received correspondence from the Recycling Committee expressing general concern about addressing recycling issues and the speed with which proposals were being considered. With a number of members of the Recycling Committee present, the discussion focused on

preparing for the October 5 Workshop of the Select Board where the entire operation of the Transfer Station will be reviewed.

**Members**

After election to the Planning Board, Angie Cook has resigned from the CDAC. Over the last several years, Angie has revitalized the Chamber of Commerce's presence at the Committee and been a valuable member of the CDAC; Angie plans to continue to attend the CDAC meetings as a link to the Chamber. The Select Board has approved the applications of Mary Tworog and Jim Kidder to fill the two existing vacancies.

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