

## 10/11/23 Meeting Minutes

**Members Present:** Al Bottone, Beth Cossey, Mike Davis, James Kidder, Evan Miller, Amy Stone, Mary Tworog, Kevin Raday (Chair)

**Others Present:** Robert McHatton, Robert Peabody, Tori Hill, Haley Richardson, Gary Colello, Angie Cook

### SELECT BOARD REPORT (Robert McHatton)

- Select Board Workshop on Transfers Station rescheduled to Nov 8
- Select Board Workshop on Priorities & Goal Setting on Nov 15
- the new President of Bridgton Hospital, Stephenie Jacques, introduced herself to the Select Board and offered engagement with the community
- there are changes coming at the Recycle Committee

### TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT (Robert Peabody)

- Election Day is November 7; absentee ballots are currently available
- Comp Plan kick off is November 1 at Town Hall
- The MV satellite operation in the Town Office is permanently closed

### OTHER BUSINESS

- Mike Davis was introduced as a new member of the Committee; he was elected as pro tem Chair of the Arts & Culture Subcommittee (nominated by Chair Raday, seconded by Beth Cossey and passed 8-0)
- The Community Development Block Grant for 2024-2025 program year has begun. The proposed Program Timeline was approved as amended with Help Sessions ending date to be January 3, (motion to approve by Amy Stone, seconded by Al Bottone, and approved 8-0). The Public Facilities and Infrastructure Application was approved as presented and the Public Service application was approved as amended with the S.B. Hearing & Approval of Applications to be March 12 (motion to approve by Amy Stone, seconded by Mary Tworog, and passed 8-0).
- Main Street America/Maine Downtown Center/Maine Downtown Affiliate programs were discussed updating conversations that were begun three years ago. Resurrection of the Young Leaders program at LRHS also was discussed
- Walker Memorial Hall on Highland Road was discussed as an example of an historic property that is being rehabbed by a group of private citizens to the overall benefit of the entire community.

- “Junky Yards” were discussed - it’s a problem but how can it be dealt with. There is no easy solution when enforcement, property rights, etc are considered. Some towns are approaching it from the “beautification” aspect but that has limitations too. Consensus was this was not an issue to be dealt with at this time.