

Town of Bridgton
Bridgton Memorial School Ad Hoc Committee
Meeting Minutes
9-27-2023, 4:00-5:00 pm

Members in attendance: Gary Colello, Christopher Walton, Amy Stone, Matt Markot, Victoria Hill, Anne Overman

Members absent: Peter Lowell, Bruce Hancock

Others in attendance: Bob Peabody, Haley Richardson

1. Call to Order at 4:08 pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of minutes from meeting 9-13-2023- approved
4. Current Business
 - a. Review and discuss comments received from key stakeholders at 9-13-2023 meeting- the Recreation Department has alternative spaces for offering programs that will be more appropriate. The Bridgton Community Center has a need for more space to provide their services and no other alternative locations beyond their existing building.
 - b. Review Open Space Plan progress, objectives, and impact on this committee- the Open Space Plan community survey results have data available that should be incorporated into committee discussions and can be incorporated into all three proposed uses. There is a very strong sense in all community plans that outdoor spaces are very important to many stakeholders over many years of data collection. The existing skate park and snowmobile trails are well-used, and if they are not included in our recommended uses we should be ready to have alternative spaces as options for these.
 - c. Discuss schedule for reviewing and finalizing options for the property to ensure the committee meets its deadline for completing its work by March 1, 2024- we will move this to the next meeting.
 - d. Confirm elements required for our recommendations- the committee will provide three potential uses to the SelectBoard for a non-binding vote by registered voters. In our presentation to the SelectBoard we should also include our rationale and the impacts we see possible with each of the recommended uses. These would not be included in the ballot items, but we should be ready with these for our presentation.
 - e. Organize and analyze data- We discussed three buckets for the committee to start organizing our recommendations: site with existing building, site with new construction, and site with mostly outdoor activity space. Elements of the Open Space Plan can be included in all three options.
5. Future Business
 - a. Organize and analyze data
 - b. Draft our three recommended uses for the property

6. Adjourned at 4:50 pm