

Community Development August 2023 Report

General Updates

It's Haley Richardson's first month on the job as Deputy CDD! She moved to Bridgton last year bringing a background in political science and non-profit development. We're very happy to have her on the team, and she's diving straight into our many projects we have on deck.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

The Town is still waiting to hear from Cumberland County on the Church Street environmental review (done for every infrastructure project) so we can officially get started.

Bridgton's 2023-2024 CDBG-funded infrastructure project:
Church Street Sidewalk (Dates TBD)

Bridgton's 2023-2024 CDBG-funded service-provider projects:
Bridgton Community Center Navigator Program
Bridgton Food Pantry



Comprehensive Plan / Vision Bridgton (VB)

The CDD worked with BerryDunn this month to nail down dates for the project schedule and finalize the official workplan. This will be presented to the Task Force and Select Board in September!

Ham Complex Master Plan

Soon after completing our Open Space Plan, Viewshed was selected to draft our Ham Complex Master Plan! We're very happy to be working with them again, as they have a great pulse on what the community would like to see for recreation infrastructure after our extensive community engagement this year. The photo above was taken at our site visit on August 10th.

Open Space Plan

Our Open Space Plan was adopted unanimously by the Select Board on July 25th. 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! Check out the plan on our CDD page and stay tuned for opportunities to bring the plan into action! **(A mission and charge for an Open Space Committee is being drafted for Select Board approval).**

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
- 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 – Application submitted by W&C in 2021 – qualifying paperwork submitted by Finance and CDD in 2023 - **secured this month!**

In Progress:

- \$50,000 – Governor’s Office of Policy, Innovation, and the Future (GOPIF) – Mountain Road Stormwater Evaluation

Marketing

Once again, we have partnered with NJC photography for our fall ads! The photo below was taken on Moose Pond.



Committee Updates

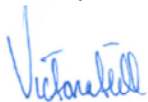
Community Development Advisory Committee: The CDAC is continuing a series of guest speakers.

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.

Bridgton Memorial School Ad Hoc Committee: The BMS Ad Hoc Committee is drafting three potential uses for the site to present to the Select Board.

Thank you for reading,



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