

# Community Development September 2023 Report

## General Updates

On September 30<sup>th</sup> Bridgton hosted the Maine Lakes Brewfest for the first time! Congratulations to the Greater Bridgton Chamber of Commerce for a hugely successful event drawing folks from all over New England to our Ham Complex. All parking proceeds were collected by the Town for maintenance and improvements to the Ham Complex!



## Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

The CDD has sent licenses to each Church Street resident (sidewalk side) confirming consent to operate on the edge of property lines and to restore any existing conditions if needed.

The team (including Public Works and W&C) has also been working with CMP and property owners to remove any poles or trees necessary for the project. The Church Street Sidewalk project will most likely begin Summer of 2024.

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 project Workplan, Schedule, and Community Engagement Plan were finalized this month! BerryDunn is creating the project website now, so stay tuned for all kinds of ways to get involved in the planning process from home! Our in-person project **Kick-Off Event is scheduled for November 1<sup>st</sup> at 6pm at Town Hall!**

## Ham Complex Master Plan

In progress! The team will reconvene in October to review possible site plans and configurations for added amenities at the complex.

## Open Space Plan

The Select Board has approved the creation of an Open Space Committee to carry out the Open Space Plan! Meeting dates and times TBD.

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

In Progress:

The CDD is partnering with the Rec Department to explore the Land and Water Conservation Fund. This would potentially be used to implement pieces of the Ham Complex Master Plan.

Committee Updates

**Community Development Advisory Committee:** The CDAC is continuing a series of guest speakers and gearing up for CDBG season.

**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.

**NEW – Open Space Committee:** time/date TBD

Thank you for reading,



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