

Select Board Meeting Minutes
November 28, 2023; 5:00 P.M.

Board Members Present: Carmen E. Lone, Chair; Robert J. McHatton, Sr.; Vice-Chair; Paul A. Tworog; Carrye Castleman-Ross; Kenneth J. Murphy

Administration Present: Town Manager Robert Peabody, Jr.; Deputy Town Manager Georgiann Fleck; Town Clerk Laurie Chadbourne; Community Development Director Victoria Hill; Public Services Director David Madsen; Recreation Director Gary Colello.

1. Call to Order

Chair Lone called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Board recited the "Pledge of Allegiance."

3. Approval of Minutes: November 14, 2023

Motion was made by Member Castleman -Ross for approval of the minutes from the November 14, 2023 Select Board Meeting; second from Member Murphy. 5 approve/0 oppose

4. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

There were no public comments on non-agenda items.

5. Committee/Liaison Reports

Vice-Chair McHatton encouraged public attendance at the Community Development Advisory Committee Meeting tomorrow morning at 9:00 A.M. at the Walker Hall and reminded all to dress accordingly due to the cold temperatures.

6. Correspondence, Presentations and Other Pertinent Information

a. Bridgton Community Center /EV Fast Charging Opportunity

Barry Woods, Employee-owner of ReVision Energy, provided information on Efficiency Maine's Program to add high speed EV chargers in selected locations. Bridgton falls within Segment 6 and would be eligible. Lengthy discussion ensued regarding electric charging stations and the municipality partnering with private companies. Member Murphy will review this proposal with the Chamber of Commerce for their input. Town Manager Peabody will obtain a legal opinion. **Motion** was made by Member Murphy to table this to the next meeting; second from Vice-Chair McHatton. 5 approve/0 oppose

b. Electric Vehicle Discussion

Town Manager Peabody reported that Rowe Ford notified the Town regarding a one-pay lease that they are offering to all cities and towns throughout Maine. The offer is a one-pay lease for 3 years/10K miles a year on the Hyundai Ionic 5 starting at \$5,500 and \$7,700 for the extended range Ionic. **Motion** was made by Member Tworog to approve signing a three-year lease with Rowe Ford for an extended range Hyundai Ionic at a total one-time payment of \$7,700; second from Member Castleman-Ross. 5 approve/0 oppose

c. Project to Make The Ham Bridge Accessible by Adding a Ramp

Matt Markot reported that the Pondicherry Park Committee is recommending a proposed project to make the Ham Bridge accessible by adding a ramp. He provided a quote, design, and budget for the Project. Loon Echo has raised the majority of the funding and Great Northern Docks has discounted their costs. The balance to the Town is estimated at \$2,054. **Motion** was made by Member Tworog to approve the Ham Bridge Accessibility Project with the Town's portion to be taken from the Pondicherry Park Reserve Fund; second from Member Murphy. 5 approve/0 oppose

d. Review of Fees for Commercial Trash Haulers

Vice-Chair McHatton reported that it was recommended by the Community Development Advisory Committee that each commercial hauler be charged per pound of waste rather than an annual fee. Public Services Director Madsen requested time to gather additional information and meet with the haulers prior to the Board taking any action. **Motion** was made by Chair Lone to revisit this item at a meeting in February; second from Vice-Chair McHatton. 5 approve/0 oppose

7. New Business

a. Awards and Other Administrative Recommendations

1. Approval of Parade Through the Downtown and Depot Street Closure for Tree Lighting

Motion was made by Chair Lone to approve the Festival of Lights Parade and Depot Street closure for the Tree Lighting; second from Member Tworog. 5 approve/0 oppose

b. Permits/Documents Requiring Board Approval

1. Victualer's Licenses to: The Cann Family Bakery & Specialty Foods Located at 320 Portland Road (NEW); Maine 4-H Foundation (Magic Lantern Theater) Located at 9 Depot Street (RENEWAL); DMM Corp dba The Black Horse Tavern Located at 26 Portland Road (RENEWAL)

Motion was made by Vice-Chair McHatton for approval of the Victualer's Licenses to The Cann Family Bakery & Specialty Foods, Maine 4-H Foundation (Magic Lantern) and DMM Corp dba Black Horse Tavern; second from Member Castleman-Ross. 5 approve/0 oppose

2. Certificate of Commitment of Sewer User Rates Commitment #281

Motion was made by Chair Lone to commit the August 1, 2023 to October 31, 2023 Sewer User Rates Commitment #281 comprising 3 pages totaling \$12,756.81 to the Treasurer for collection; second from Vice-Chair McHatton. 5 approve/0 oppose

c. Select Board Comments

- **Member Murphy** was concerned that some residents may not be supporting the programs and movies at the Magic Lantern.
- **Member Castleman-Ross** reported that Erin Ovalle from Maine Life will be in Bridgton tomorrow and highlighting several businesses.
- **Member Tworog** had no concerns.
- **Vice-Chair McHatton** asked for the status of the Wildwood Road Project to which Town Manager Peabody responded that the grant money has been received. He added that Woodard and Curran have completed the survey work and the culvert replacement project will be going out to bid soon.
- **Chair Lone** asked how many homes are past the culvert on Wildwood Road to which Public Services Director Madsen responded that there are twelve houses and noted that approximately two hundred feet past the culvert is all private property.

d. Town Manager's Report/Deputy Town Manager's Report

Deputy Town Manager Fleck read the following report into the record:

"Community Development: Please check out our page on the Town of Bridgton website to learn more about our Comprehensive Plan Update – there are multiple ways for you to share your thoughts with us online. Also, be on the lookout for our Vision Bridgton logo around town, in the newspaper, and in your mailbox. The Town is hoping to engage as many people in this important planning process as possible. For more information visit our new comprehensive plan project website, accessible through the Town of Bridgton Website, bridgtonmaine.org, or email the Community Development Director, Victoria Hill, at vhill@bridgtonmaine.org

Public Works Department: From November 20 – April 15 no vehicle shall be parked on any public street or way from

11:00p.m. to 7:00a.m. as per MRSA 29A Section 2068-2069 and the Bridgton Traffic Ordinance as amended on October 25, 2005. A town-wide parking ban may be called for with notification. Vehicles may be towed at the owner's expense.

As per MRSA 17A Section 505 and MRSA 29A Section 2396, no person(s) shall plow, shovel or otherwise deposit snow, this includes snowblowing, into the limits of any traveled public way.

It is important to keep your driveways and private roads cleared and sanded so that, if the need arises, emergency personnel can safely access your property.

Bridgton Recreation: Saturday, December 2nd - Festival of Lights parade. Lineup begins at 4:00p.m. at Stevens Brook Elementary School bus loop, 4:30p.m. parade float judging and 5:00p.m. candle light procession / parade.

Saturday, December 2nd - Festival of Lights begins with a Holiday Breakfast at the American Legion Post 67 8AM-11AM, craft fair at Stevens Brook Elementary School 8AM-3PM, Merry Maker Workshop 9AM-2PM Stevens Brook Elementary School – let your kiddos get creative with the Rec Department for only \$10, Bridge Crossing - Santa Shuffle 10AM is the kids fun run and at 11AM is a 5K walk/run; Festival of Lights Parade with lineup at 4PM, Holiday Block Party and Tree Lighting at the Bridgton Community Center at 6PM includes music, juggling, Rec Enrichment Program Performance and tree lighting.

Saturday, December 2nd – Monday, December 25th - Winter Wonderland of Trees / North Pole Walk. Open daily and closes at 8PM at the Bridgton Ice Rink with music, hot chocolate, photo back drops, lights, trees and decorations.

Friday, December 15th - Parent Night Out begins at 6PM – 10PM at the Bridgton Town Hall 26 North High Street, for ages K-6th grade, and the cost is \$25.00 for the night with games, movie, dinner and crafts. Register on-line at bridgtonmaine.org

Finance: The Revenue and Expenditure Report for the month ending October 31, 2023, shows a benchmark of 33.0% with revenues at 31.98% and expenditures at 35.38%.

Please refer to our website www.bridgtonmaine.org for more information on these events and more and to subscribe for alerts. Also, check out Greater Bridgton Chamber of Commerce, www.gblrcc.org for these events and more !”

Town Manager Peabody reported that he had discussion with Superintendent Smith last week about turning the Memorial School over to the Town. Their new building is almost complete and the transfer is expected to take place late spring, early summer of 2024. He added that he is in the process of choosing an attorney to represent the Town since Drummond Woodsum is not able to represent the Town or the School.

8. Old Business

a. Project Status Updates

Town Manager Peabody provided a brief project status update.

9. Treasurer's Warrants

Motion was made by Member Castleman-Ross for approval of Treasurer's Warrants numbered 247, 248, 249, 250, and 251; second from Vice-Chair McHatton. 5 approve/0 oppose

10. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

There were no public comments on non-agenda items.

11. Dates for the Next Select Board Meetings

December 12, 2023 @ 5PM / ~~December 26, 2023 @ 5PM~~

12. Adjourn

Motion was made by Vice-Chair McHatton to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 P.M.; second from Member Murphy. 5 approve/0 oppose

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie L. Chadbourne, Town Clerk