

Community Development Advisory Committee



Minutes for meeting February 14, 2024

In attendance: Kevin Raday, Mary Tworog, Maggie Lynn, Amy Stone, Haley Richardson, Bob McHatton, Bob Peabody, Gary Colelo, Al Bottone, Michael Davis, Beth Cossey, Evan Miller, James Kidder, Tori Hill

Guests: Darcey Pomeleau, Bridgton Community Center; Penni Robbins, Bridgton Food Pantry; Carmen Lone, Bridgton Food Pantry

1. Meeting opened at 9:02 am.
2. Approval of minutes- (not completed)
3. Select Board report report (Bob McHatton)- Carrye Castleman-Ross will be running for Walter Riseman's open state representative seat. The Selectboard will be considering a 50/50 grant. They will also be considering a mooring ordinance. They approved a license/fee schedule increase for trash disposal at the landfill.
4. Town Manager's report (Bob Peabody)- The Selectboard approved the funding for the Wastewater Assistance Program and will be working on funding the wastewater extension. The first published draft of the budget will be available 2/15. The Selectboard approved the phase 2 environmental assessment for the Memorial School site, which will hopefully be completed before the transfer of the property back to the Town.
5. CDD's updates (Tori Hill)- There will be some ordinances on the ballot. One is a change to the Mass Gathering Ordinance and land use code changes. The Comprehensive Plan survey has over 400 respondents already. Please encourage everyone to participate.
6. Plans for future location of Bridgton Food Pantry (Carmen Lone)- They have purchased the property and demolished and removed the buildings so they can insure the property. They were able to do this with funding from a benefactor and from grant money. They will be starting their capital campaign for a new building. They have a preliminary interior building design concept (attached).
7. CDBG
 - a. Open Mic (order changed based on discussion continuing from #6)
 - i. Bridgton Food Pantry (Penni Robbins)- answered questions on volunteer numbers and hour, increase in # of families using this program. Discussed the workflow of deliveries and pickups. They are open one day a week, Tuesdays. if they are closed due to weather they open Wednesday instead. They would like to be open two days a week, one day with all items and one day with shelf-stable products only.
 - ii. Bridgton Community Center (Darcey)- They would like to increase the number of hours to 20 hours/week so that the Navigator can be there 4 days a week and

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can participate in new committees and workgroups forming to provide better services with other organizations.

- b. CDBG scoring sheet
 - c. Preparation for making recommendations at next meeting
8. Other Business- Mike Davis and Mary Towhog updated us on the South Bridgton Community Church. Mike and Evan filmed Paul and the building. It should air on LRTV soon.
 9. Adjourned at 9:55 am.