

**Board of Selectmen’s Meeting Minutes
Board of Selectmen’s Meeting Room
June 12, 2007; 5:00 P.M.**

Board Members Present:

Robert J. McHatton, Sr., Chairman; Robert C. Bell, Vice-Chairman; Arthur D. Triglione, Sr.; Robert F. Woodward. Joan M. Gardner was absent.

Town Manager, Mitchell A. Berkowitz was also present.

1. Call to Order

Chairman McHatton called the meeting to order at 5:04 P.M.

2. Discussion with Country Consulting Group and BRAG

Carry Scott from Country Consulting Group reviewed the “Capital Campaign Fundraising Planning Study” with the Board (See Attachment 1 for details) and recommended that the Board and Brag get together to work out some details/issues.

3. Public Hearing: Special Amusement Permit Application for Punkin Valley Inn

The Public Hearing was opened at 6:04 P.M. The Board asked the Manager if the Departments had reviewed the application. The Manager responded they had and the responses were attached. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:05 P.M.

4. Presentations and Discussions

a. Department of Homeland Security-Science and Technology Funding and Interoperability of Communication; Dave Lyons and Joe Jack

Police Chief David Lyons explained that there was money available from the Department of Homeland Security’s Science and Technology Directorate that would assist the Public Safety/Dispatch Center. He asked that the Board allow Mr. Joe Jack of ASI Corporation explore the possibility of receiving the funds. Mr. Joe Jack of ASI Corporation then spoke to his company’s’ role in this process. After further discussion, Town Manager Berkowitz explained that he would request the Board authorize him to develop a draft Memorandum of Understanding, and then he discussed some further steps that would be necessary.

Motion made by Mr. Woodward to authorize the Town Manager to develop the draft Memorandum of Understanding, set up an advisory committee and explore the sole sourcing issue; 2nd by Mr. Triglione. 4 approve/0 oppose

b. Abatements/Supplements/Exemption Application

Motion was made by Mr. Woodward to approve the following list of Abatements & Supplements; 2nd by Mr. Triglione. 4 approve/0 oppose.

Abatements

Account No	Abated Value	Abated Tax	Reason
2879	\$7,180.00	\$144.32	To correct ownership.
2879	\$35,280.00	\$386.32	To correct ownership.
2879	\$35,280.00	\$398.66	To correct ownership.
2838	\$85,660.00	\$1,721.77	To correct ownership.
2838	\$112,210.00	\$1,228.70	To correct ownership.
2838	\$112,210.00	\$1,267.97	To correct ownership.
282	\$34,800.00	\$381.06	Uncollectible.

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**4. Presentations and Discussions CONTUNUED
b. Abatements/Supplements/Exemption Application**

Abatements

Account No	Abated Value	Abated Tax	Reason
201	\$34,800.00	\$393.24	Uncollectible.
520	\$35,000.00	\$673.75	Uncollectible.
410	\$4,900.00	\$94.33	Uncollectible.
410	\$4,900.00	\$98.49	Uncollectible.
410	\$4,900.00	\$53.66	Uncollectible.
410	\$4,900.00	\$55.37	Uncollectible.
357	\$2,600.00	\$29.38	Uncollectible.
280	\$12,000.00	\$211.20	Uncollectible.
280	\$12,000.00	\$211.20	Uncollectible.
280	\$12,000.00	\$189.00	Uncollectible.
280	\$3,100.00	\$53.17	Uncollectible.
280	\$3,100.00	\$55.49	Uncollectible.
280	\$3,100.00	\$59.68	Uncollectible.
280	\$3,100.00	\$62.31	Uncollectible.
280	\$3,100.00	\$33.95	Uncollectible.
280	\$3,100.00	\$35.03	Uncollectible.
531	\$4,600.00	\$92.46	Uncollectible.
531	\$7,800.00	\$85.41	Uncollectible.
531	\$7,800.00	\$88.14	Uncollectible.
399	\$600.00	\$11.55	Uncollectible.
460	\$2,500.00	\$50.25	Uncollectible.
1089	\$197,390.00	\$2,230.51	To correct ownership.

Supplements

Acct. No.	Taxable Value	Tax	Reason
2879	\$12,660	\$254.47	To correct ownership.
2879	\$26,500	\$290.18	To correct ownership.
2879	\$26,500	\$299.45	To correct ownership.
2838	\$34,910	\$701.69	To correct ownership.
2838	\$57,370	\$628.20	To correct ownership.
2838	\$57,370	\$648.28	To correct ownership.
5489	\$446,020	\$5,040.03	To correct ownership.

Motion was made by Mr. Triglione to approve the exemption application for BRAG; 2nd by Mr. Woodward. 4 approve/0 oppose.

c. Façade Grant Applications; Micah Niemy

Micah Niemy reported that by the May 9th, 2007 deadline two more applications had been received and the committee is recommending approval in the amounts of \$5,248.00 for 179 Main St. and \$9,994.00 for 132 Main St. He mentioned that the balance of \$30,565.00 will be reallocated to the construction of Depot & Park Streets parking lots.

Motion was made by Mr. Bell; 2nd by Mr. Woodward to approve the two façade grants one in the amount of \$5,248.00 the other in the amount of \$9,994.00. 4 approve/0 oppose

d. Discussion of Sewer Enterprise Fund and Sewer Rate

Town Manager Berkowitz gave a brief background about the establishment of the Sewer Enterprise Fund and the issue of the depletion of the reserve fund. Micah Niemy then presented a recommendation to the Board as a possible solution for that problem. After some discussion amongst

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the Board, Micah Niemy and Manager Berkowitz the Board recommended that the numbers be reworked based on the scenarios suggested.

5. Approval of Minutes; May 22, 2007

Motion was made by Mr. Bell to approve the May 22, 2007 minutes; 2nd from Mr. Triglione.
4 approve/0 oppose

6. Public Comments; Non-Agenda Items

None.

7. Correspondence and Other Pertinent Information

a. Mr. Pellerin of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife- Public Access to Foster's Pond

Town Manager Berkowitz advised the Board that he had received correspondence from Mr. Pellerin explaining that there might be assistance to the Town, from some State Agencies, for the creation of a public access for Foster Pond.

b. FEMA response to Town's requests

Town Manager Berkowitz stated that he is having Mr. Morrisseau revisit an issue with the Sandy Creek Dam with the FEMA people, however the rest of the requests are not going to receive any help from FEMA.

c. Boat Complaint – Highland Lake

The Town Manager stated he had received some correspondence about a boat on Highland Lake and the garbage that is being dumped overboard. He reminded the Board that the Town does not have jurisdiction over Great Ponds of 10 acres or more that would be Inland Fisheries & Wildlife. If actions can be observed first hand then there might be a way to handle the issue.

8. Town Manager's Report

Town Manager Berkowitz reported the following:

Annual Chamber of Commerce Dinner:

Representing the Town were Select Board member Joan Gardner and myself with our respective spouses. The Event was held at the Town Hall and catered. The highlight of the evening was the presentation by Loon Echo Land Trust Executive Director Paul Mentag. Paul reviewed the vision and status of Pondicherry Park and collected many good ideas from the audience participation. Awards were given at the end of the program recognizing many businesses and community leaders from the 13 member communities. Mike McClellan, their Executive Director and all of the Chamber Directors should be complimented on the growth and direction of the Chamber of Commerce. It continues to represent our 13 communities and the Lakes Region in the most professional and cost effective manner.

Annual GPCOG Meeting:

The annual COG meeting and dinner is slated for June 21 at 5:00 PM at the USM Abromson Center. As a member of COG the Town of Bridgton should be represented. If none of the Select Board is available, I will attend on your behalf. Please let me know by the end of this evening of your availability.

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8. Town Manager's Report CONTINUED

County Redistricting Meeting:

The County Commissioners will hold a public information meeting regarding the possibility of re-districting the county and the increase of the number of Commissioners for Cumberland County from the current 3 to as many as 7. The meeting will be held on June 25 at 5:30 PM at the Town Hall on N. High Street

Town Meeting Reminder:

The Bridgton Annual Town Meeting is tomorrow, Wednesday June 13 starting at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall on N. High Street. Register voters of the Town of Bridgton should be prepared to vote on the remaining 43 warrant articles relating to the Town's operations including the budget.

Safety Grant Awarded to the Police Department:

Chief Lyons received written confirmation that MMA has approved the Department's grant application for \$583.17 to be used towards the purchase of safety equipment needed for work place safety and identified in the Bureau of Labor Standards report to the Town.

Legislature Continues to Amend School Consolidation Bill:

As of June 6, the Legislature had made several amendments to the school consolidation bill. Additional amendments are expected with the results being a bill that will force the issue of consolidation and penalize those school districts that do not. At the time of writing this memo, the Legislature continued to meet on this issue and it was expected that several more amendments might be made. The whole effort started with the notion that consolidating over 160 school districts into a lower number, now around 80 would produce administrative efficiencies and thereby save taxpayers money.

Related to the School Consolidation Plan is the District wide meeting next Monday, June 18 at 7PM at the Lake's Region High School that will involve this issue. Apparently MSAD #61 may consolidate with MSAD #72 and Fryeburg. Are there any members of the Board willing to attend?

Legislature Works on the Informed Growth Act:

Slated to require better control over projects that were greater than 75,000 square feet, the Legislature continues to work on LD 1810 in an effort to keep the public informed and make specific requirements of developers seeking projects of this size or large. At this time MMA is opposed to the current bill's version for several reasons.

Downtown Merchants/Business Association:

A collaborative effort between the Chamber of Commerce and the Town's Economic Development Director to kick start the Downtown Business Association was met with enthusiasm when the group met this morning, at 7:00 AM at the Community Center. Those present recognize the need to expand the participation before the real work can get underway. Another meeting will be planned over the next few weeks.

Training Attended:

I did attend the first part of the training that is my role as the Town Treasurer. The two day session focused on accounting and then fiscal principles. We also had several discussions related to the various ways communities maintain their books and audits as well as new information that relates to taxable benefits. I am reviewing that now for Bridgton. The second part I will attend at a later date since the rest of this month is pretty busy.

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9. Old Business

None.

10. New Business

a. Permits/Documents Requiring Board Approval

- Victualer's License for Bridgton Center Village Fireman's Association
- Victualer's License for Ken's Kove
- Victualer's License for Lakeside Pines
- Victualer's License for Shawnee Peak Holdings, Inc.
- Victualer's License for Brenda's Delightful Day Café
- Victualer's License for Little Mountain Country Store
- Victualer's License for Hannaford Bros. Co.
- Victualer's License for Subway
- Victualer's License for Morning Glory Diner
- Victualer's License for Main Street Variety
- Victualer's License for Route 302 Roadhouse Restaurant
- Victualer's License for Bridgton House of Pizza
- Victualer's License for Lampron Lil' Mart
- Victualer's License for Ricky's Diner
- Hawker & Peddlar License for Roundstone Farm (@ 65 Stone Road)
- Outdoor Entertainment Permit for Portland Symphony Orchestra
→ Performance at Shawnee Peak on June 30, 2007

Motion was made by Mr. Woodward; 2nd from Mr. Bell to approve the above Licenses. 4 approve/0 oppose

- Pool Room for Highland Lake Resort and Application for Catered Function by Qualified Catering Organization;
→ Lake Region Caterers at Highland Lake Resort: 6/23/07

Motion was made by Mr. Bell for approval of the Pool Room License and the Caterer's Application from Lake Region Caterer's; 2nd from Mr. Triglione. 3 approve/0 oppose/1 abstention (*Mr. Woodward abstained both permits involved his business*)

- Special Amusement Permit, Liquor License Renewal and Victualer's License for Punkin Valley Inn

Motion was made by Mr. Bell for approval of the Special Amusement Permit, Liquor License Renewal & Victualer's License for Punkin Valley Inn; 2nd from Mr. Triglione. 4 approve/0 oppose

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10. New Business CONTINUED

b. Request for Use of Sabatus Island on August 18, 2007

→50th wedding anniversary party for Bob & Georgie Forney

The Town Manager explained that there was no action necessary for this item.

c. Cemetery Deed

Section I, Lot 2A to Milton McKeen, Jr. (4 grave lot)

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Motion was made by Mr. Woodward for approval of 10c; 2nd from Mr. Triglione. 4 approve/0 oppose

d. Firefighter Insurance Coverage-Mitch

The Town Manager stated that the Town does carry a special policy for our firefighters which right now is limited to \$10,000.00. There are two companies that provide this insurance. Provident was less expensive in both the \$10,000.00 and \$50,000.00 limit. There also was a difference on the disability payment window between both companies.

Motion was made by Mr. Triglione to reauthorize the current carrier at the \$50,000.00 rate; 2nd by Mr. Woodward. 4 approve/0 oppose.

e. Road Name – Vincent Roth – Harvest Ln.

Motion was made by Mr. Bell for approval of 10e; 2nd from Mr. Triglione. 4 approve/0 oppose

f. Recommendation to charge non residents a fee for notary public services

Motion was made by Mr. Woodward to approve charging \$5.00 to non-resident/taxpayers for non required departmental services; 2nd from Mr. Triglione. 4 approve/0 oppose

g. Legal Matters

The Manager apprised the Board that in the case of Pleasant Mountain Condominium Association vs. Town of Bridgton and Shawnee Peak Holdings, the parties are now getting together for dispute resolution. The Town Attorneys have advised Town Manager Berkowitz that they do not need to be present.

h. Selectmen's Concerns

Selectmen Woodward asked the Town Manager about the amended ambulance correspondence. The Manager responded that this is a good counter proposal and there needs to be further discussion.

Selectmen Triglione asked that the Town Manager ask United Ambulance if the other Towns that United Ambulance service subsidize them? If they do then how much money do they receive?

Selectman Triglione asked the Police Chief if he would look into a street light in the neighborhood of the Gluck residence and report back to the Board.

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10. New Business CONTINUED

h. Selectmen's Concerns CONTINUED

Vice-Chairman Bell advised the Board members that the Skatepark is looking really bad. The trash is all over the place, trees are damaged, etc. Mr. McHatton asked the Police Chief to have the Police Department do more drive bys, and all the Board members and the Town Manager go over to the site and see what is going on and what kind of solutions are possible.

Chairman McHatton asked about the Community Band request. The Manager stated that the documentation is missing. The consensus of the Board was to wait to see what passes at the Town Meeting and then revisit the item at a later date.

i. Other Matters

None.

11. Agendas for the Next Board of Selectmen's Meeting/Workshops

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12. Treasurer's Warrants

Motion was made by Mr. Bell for approval of Treasurer's Warrants numbered 648, 649, 650, 776, 777, 778, & 779; 2nd from Mr. Woodward. 4 approve/0 oppose

13. Executive Session: MRSA Title 1, Chapter 13, Subsection 405.6.A.

"Discussion of matters related to the Police Department and compensation and a personnel matter."

Motion was made by Mr. Woodward to enter into executive session per MRSA Title 1, Chapter 13, Subsection 405.6.A at 8:28 P.M.; 2nd from Mr. Bell. 4 approve/0 oppose

Motion was made by Mr. Bell to exit executive session; 2nd from Mr. Triglione. 4 approve/0 oppose

Motion was made by Mr. Bell "To accept/approve the 3 year Public Works Department Contract with amendments and to authorize the Chairman and the Town Manager to execute the contract"; 2nd from Mr. Triglione. 4 approve/0 oppose

14. Adjourn

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 P.M. by Mr. Woodward; 2nd from Mr. Bell. 4 approve/0 oppose

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn E. Taft
Deputy Clerk

*Next Meeting: Town Meeting June 13, 2007
Regular Meeting June 26, 2007*