

## BRIDGTON LAND USE & ZONING AD-HOC COMMITTEE MEETING

**Town Office Lower Meeting Rooms**

**April 12, 2017**

The Bridgton Land Use & Zoning (LUZ) Ad-Hoc Committee meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chuck Renneker, Chair. In attendance were Brenda Day, Ken Gibbs, Chuck Renneker, Lucia Terry, Brian Thomas, Bill Vincent. Bill O'Conner attended by speaker phone.

Guests: "Bear" Zeidman and Mark Lopez

Absent: Greg Watkins

### **Discussion Topics:**

1. Decisions made at the previous meeting of the LUZ and critiques of the Land Use Ordinance and the Design Review Ordinance made at the BOS meeting, March 28, 2017, were evaluated.
2. It was determined that the LUZ should schedule more meetings with those who have issues with sections of the Ordinances.
3. New advertising strategies were discussed, with suggestions about PR projects that need funding. Effective mailing procedures to insure that all owners and interested citizens are contacted will be implemented in the future, bulk mailing being suggested as a cost-effective procedure.
4. A need for language to grant "exceptions" to regulations of non-conforming lots and structures was considered.

**Relevant Action Item:** Brenda Day will email to LUZ members the language being considered by the Planning Board for subdivision variances.

### **Action Items:**

1. For next LUZ meeting, the committee will:
  - a. Check the accuracy of the District maps as well as the lot listings for each District.
  - b. Choose specific dates for mailings as well as construct a calendar

that details the committee's future tasks and responsibilities to be completed before the August 15 deadline.

c. **Important:** Committee members should review the latest documents of the Land Use Ordinance and the Design Review Ordinance sentence by sentence, page by page for clarity of language.

2. Lucia will research the method, format and timing for mailings.
3. Lucia and Ken will focus on the rhetorical and grammatical details of the Ordinances.
4. Chuck will talk with the Town Manager about funding for PR projects and discuss the need for a temporary Town Planner to assist the LUZ until the Town chooses someone for the permanent position.

**Pending Item for Discussion Next Meeting:**

How can the business friendly nature of the Ordinances be presented to the public?

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. Next meeting, April 19, 6:00 p.m.**