

**Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Board of Selectmen's Meeting Room
September 11, 2007; 5:00 P.M.**

Board Members Present: Arthur D. Triglione, Sr., Chairman; Robert F. Woodward, Vice-Chairman;
Robert J. McHatton, Sr.; Joan M. Gardner; Robert C. Bell

Town Manager, Mitchell A. Berkowitz was also present.

1. Call to Order

Chairman Triglione called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

9/11 Recognition

Chairman Triglione called for a moment of silence in memory of all those that lost their lives in the terrible tragedy six years ago and also to commend the men and women that defend us to prevent the events that occurred on 9/11/2001 from happening again.

2. Public Hearing

None.

3. Public Comments; Non-Agenda Items

Scott Finlayson said that the recycling system at the Transfer Station has been very successful. He encouraged the Board to continue status quo and would support an initiative to better enhance the current recycling system.

Mahlon Johnson, Bridgton Representative on the Eco-Maine Board of Directors, asked the Board to appoint an alternate to his position. **Motion** was made by Selectman McHatton to appoint Town Manager Mitchell Berkowitz as the Alternate Bridgton Representative on the Eco-Maine Board of Directors; 2nd from Selectman Bell. 5 approve/0 oppose

4. Presentations and Discussions

a. Skateboard Park Committee Report

Phil Gutekunst, Recreation Director, reported that the new Skateboard Committee met. All members agreed to visit the park on a regular basis. The trash is being removed by the Public Works Department and better signage will be put up soon. He asked the Board for approval to put in a ½ pipe at the Park which will effectively block the "dirt bike ramp trail" now used for jumping that is not part of the Park and is not approved for use by the SAD 61 Building & Ground Superintendent Andy Madura. The ½ pipe construction will be coordinated by Christian Glendinning, who operates "Choice Boards." The ½ pipe will be funded by donations, built and installed by volunteers. It is to be 20' wide and 5' high. The cost will be approximately \$1,500. The intent is to move the existing ¼ pipe to the other end of the park and place signs with Park Rules on both pieces where they will be readily seen by users. The Board agreed to allow the Recreation Director and the Committee to maintain and improve the park as is necessary.

b. Request by Salmon Point; Transfer Station Pass

This item was removed from the agenda.

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**4. Presentations and Discussions (continued)
c. Participation with Family Crisis Service**

Family Crisis Service requested assistance from the Police Department to transport domestic violence victims to a safe overnight shelter. Discussion ensued. The Town Manager will gather additional information regarding this request and report his findings back to the Board for consideration.

d. Assessing Office; Abatements and Supplementals

Acting in its' capacity as the Board of Selectmen and Board of Assessors, the Board considered the following abatements and supplements as recommended by the Assessors Agent:

| Abatement # | Acct # | Abated Value | Abated Tax | Reason |
|--------------------|---------------|---------------------|-------------------|---|
| 98-02 | PP157 | 5,700 | \$100.32 | Uncollectible |
| 99-03 | PP157 | 5,700 | \$100.32 | Uncollectible |
| 99-02 | PP319 | 5,000 | \$88.00 | Uncollectible |
| 00-02 | PP157 | 5,700 | \$89.78 | Uncollectible |
| 00-03 | PP319 | 5,000 | \$78.75 | Uncollectible |
| 01-02 | PP157 | 5,700 | \$97.76 | Uncollectible |
| 01-03 | PP319 | 32,000 | \$548.80 | Uncollectible |
| 02-03 | PP157 | 5,700 | \$102.03 | Uncollectible |
| 02-04 | PP319 | 27,000 | \$483.30 | Uncollectible |
| 03-38 | PP157 | 5,700 | \$109.76 | Uncollectible |
| 03-39 | PP319 | 27,000 | \$519.75 | Uncollectible |
| 04-34 | PP157 | 5,700 | \$114.57 | Uncollectible |
| 04-35 | PP319 | 27,000 | \$542.70 | Uncollectible |
| 05-54 | PP157 | 5,700 | \$62.42 | Uncollectible |
| 05-55 | PP319 | 27,000 | \$295.65 | Uncollectible |
| 07-01 | RE2401 | 17,940 | \$205.41 | Applied market adjustment for developmental factors. |
| 07-02 | RE2411 | 17,730 | \$203.01 | Applied market adjustment for developmental factors. |
| 07-03 | RE2497 | 18,060 | \$206.79 | Applied market adjustment for developmental factors. |
| 07-04 | RE2586 | 18,390 | \$210.57 | Applied market adjustment for developmental factors. |
| 07-05 | RE2743 | 18,390 | \$210.57 | Applied market adjustment for developmental factors. |
| 07-06 | RE2746 | 18,630 | \$213.31 | Applied market adjustment for developmental factors. |
| 07-07 | RE2900 | 18,990 | \$217.44 | Applied market adjustment for developmental factors. |
| 07-08 | RE3096 | 18,420 | \$210.91 | Applied market adjustment for developmental factors. |
| 07-09 | RE3106 | 19,050 | \$218.12 | Applied market adjustment for developmental factors. |
| 07-10 | RE3110 | 20,490 | \$234.61 | Applied market adjustment for developmental factors. |
| 07-11 | RE3111 | 20,600 | \$235.87 | Applied market adjustment for developmental factors. |
| 07-12 | RE3168 | 20,340 | \$232.89 | Applied market adjustment for developmental factors. |
| 07-13 | RE3177 | 20,130 | \$230.49 | Applied market adjustment for developmental factors. |
| 07-14 | RE3178 | 20,490 | \$234.61 | Applied market adjustment for developmental factors. |
| 07-15 | RE594 | 14,930 | \$170.95 | Corrected acreage amount. |
| 07-16 | RE2148 | 29,160 | \$333.88 | To correct building placement and ownership. |
| 07-17 | RE4034 | 183,610 | \$2,102.33 | To correct building placement and ownership. |
| 07-18 | RE5287 | 64,180 | \$734.86 | To correct building placement and ownership. |
| 07-19 | RE1461 | 550 | \$6.30 | Building was moved prior to 4/1/07. |
| 07-20 | RE4511 | 186,170 | \$2,131.65 | House placed on wrong lot. |
| 07-21 | RE1294 | 185,450 | \$2,123.40 | To correct ownership. |
| 07-22 | RE1293 | 191,040 | \$2,187.41 | To correct ownership. |
| 07-23 | PP253 | 2,700 | \$30.92 | Business closed July 2006. |
| 07-24 | RE752 | 70,340 | \$805.39 | The building value was adjusted to reflect the capped foundation. |

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**4. Presentations and Discussions (continued)
d. Assessing Office; Abatements and Supplementals (continued)**

| Sup Code | Account # | Amount Committed | Reason |
|-----------------|------------------|-------------------------|--|
| 07-01 | RE5287 | \$2,310.50 | To correct building placement and ownership. |
| 07-02 | RE4034 | \$880.05 | To correct building placement and ownership. |
| 07-03 | RE1293 | \$1,981.31 | To correct ownership. |
| 07-04 | RE1294 | \$2,329.50 | To correct ownership. |

Motion was made by Selectman McHatton for approval of the abatements and supplementals as recommended by the Assessors Agent; 2nd from Vice-Chairman Woodward. 5 approve/0 oppose

The Board requested a summary page of future abatements and supplemental requests for their review.

e. Transfer Station Hours of Operations

The Board discussed changing the winter hours at the Transfer Station to Sun/Tues/Thurs/Fri/Sat from 7AM until 3:30 PM. Scott Finalyson asked the Board to consider implementing the past winter hours of Tues/Thurs/Sat/Sun 7AM until 5PM. Robert Forney also supports implementing the same winter hours as in the past. **Motion** was made by Selectman McHatton to establish the winter hours at the Transfer Station to Sun/Tues/Thurs/Fri/Sat from 7AM until 3:30PM; 2nd from Selectman Bell. 5 approve/0 oppose

f. Economic Development Incentive Program

The purpose of the Business Assistance Program is to provide support to small businesses as they look to expand, relocate or establish in Bridgton. The grant program would be funded through the Town’s Micro-Loan Fund. In the past this fund has been used to make low interest loans to businesses. Discussion ensued. **Motion** was made by Selectman McHatton for approval of the Business Assistance Program and authorized the Town Manager to administer the grants; 2nd from Selectman Gardner. 4 approve/1 oppose

Woodward opposed.

g. Proposed Housing Committee “Charge”

Micah Niemy, Economic & Community Development Director, reported that the purpose of the Bridgton Housing Advisory Committee is to study the state of the Town’s housing to determine if the current housing stock is adequate to meet the Town’s evolving needs. Listed below are specific items that the Committee will be required to address in their research.

- Attempt to represent the relationship of employment opportunities and housing price ranges.
Identify the way in which additional housing assets could promote economic development and job growth in Bridgton.
- Identify housing options that will address the needs of different age groups.
- Identify housing trends in order to provide a more complete understanding of the effect that population growth will have on the housing stock.
- Investigate ways to assist non-profit groups and private developers to meet Bridgton’s various housing needs, including public and private programs.
- Promote awareness of State and non-profit programs intended to assist homeowners and renters.

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**4. Presentations and Discussions (continued)
g. Proposed Housing Committee "Charge" (continued)**

The Housing Advisory Committee will provide the Board of Selectmen with a progress report within three (3) months of the Committee's first meeting. The report will detail the steps taken by the Committee in order to fulfill its obligation as well as any preliminary findings. This report will also detail additional steps that the Committee will undertake in order to complete their mandate. The Committee will submit its recommendations in a final report to the Board of Selectmen within three (3) months of the submission of the progress report. At that point the Committee will dissolve unless reauthorized by the Board of Selectmen. **Motion** was made by Vice-Chairman Woodward to form a "Housing Committee" as recommended by the Economic Development Director (providing that the committee review not only low income housing and the committee understands that they are simply gathering information for the Board of Selectmen and not charged with submitting an official recommendation); 2nd from Selectman McHatton. 3 approve/2 oppose

Triglione/Bell opposed

5. Approval of Minutes; August 14, 2007

Motion was made by Selectman McHatton for approval of the amended minutes from the August 14, 2007 meeting; 2nd from Selectman Gardner. 5 approve/0 oppose

Amended - Page 5, item d2; sentence should read "Manager Berkowitz advised the Board that they had no authority to do that and will....."

6. Correspondence and Other Pertinent Information

a. Manager Memos to the Select Board

1. School Consolidation

- The Superintendent for Raymond Schools has now indicated they will NOT work with SAD 61 for consolidation for several reasons including their agreement with Windham.
- SAD 55 and SAD 72 have indicated their plan is to work WITHOUT SAD 61.
- At their August 22 meeting the SAD 61 Board gave approval to file an alternative plan with the State by August 31, 2007 under the theory of efforts being made without willing partners; the exemption ("donut hole") under the statutes.
- It also appears that many other SAD's are filing similar alternative plans and are retaining legal counsel. This may be the precursor to a legal challenge against the consolidation statute and requirements as being an unfunded mandate. (I have heard that our local reps to the Legislature are encouraging this but this is unconfirmed.) Mr. Gorham believes if this were to happen it would be sometime after September 15, 2007.
- The Superintendent has recommended SAD 61 hire Dick Spencer. If that happens and the Town of Bridgton seeks legal representation from Dick, he would either represent the Town and bow out of the SAD or would have others in his firm take this service.
- The Bridgton News has been publishing detailed articles regarding this issue.

2. Cable Competition Rate Exemption

Town Manager Berkowitz submitted and reviewed the following:

"One of the more important aspects of the recent purchase of Adelphia Communications by Time Warner Cable (TWC) is their recent petition before the Federal communications Commission (FCC) to be exempted from local rate regulatory authority. This whole area is filled with rules and regulations. This memo will simplify and outline the issues, the legal position of the Town and identify some options going forward.

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What Authority was granted to Bridgton? The Town executed a Non-exclusive Franchise Agreement with Adelphia in October of 1997. Within that Agreement Section 4 establishes the Regulatory authority of the Town:

"The Franchising Authority may regulate rate increases for the provision of cable service to the extent allowed by law.

Though this says we have the authority, the FCC regulations since then have likely extinguished some or all of that authority. It would be up to an Attorney to guide us and determine if we may still act as a Local Franchising Authority (LFA) with regards to the basic tier of services per the Cable Act.

What Does the Time Warner Filing with the FCC mean? Our reading of this document strongly suggests that TWC seeks an exemption from the regulatory rule allowing it to set its own rates including the basic services on the presumption that the franchise area is:

Served by at least two unaffiliated multichannel video programming distributors

AND

The number of households subscribing to programming services other than TWC exceeds 15% of the households in the franchise area.

The filing by TWC also requests the FCC to extinguish any local franchising authority remaining.

If approved, then the rates would be set based upon TWC's decisions in the market place.

Why is this a concern to Bridgton? Traditionally, the basic tier service allows many of our low and moderate income/fixed income households to "tune into" news and other pertinent programming that they otherwise might not be able to access. They may now see increased costs for their basic services and some may no longer be able to afford the basic service.

What Options do we have? At your last Board meeting you encouraged me to approach our region to determine if we might collectively deal with this. Many communities are interested but lack some of the understanding and may have given up their LFA by agreement already. Our approach at this point is very preliminary. We can continue to take some leadership in this or simply let others step forward. Lastly we can do nothing and let the FCC make their decision.

The current approach has a learning curve that includes some meetings both here and in other towns. Collectively, I might be expending about 5 hours a week for a few weeks. I am working with MMA to set up a regional meeting in N. Windham in early September. At this meeting we will explore the legalities and what, if any further actions the Board may want to take. This will also be discussed informally at the Manager's Institute this coming week.

I will continue to be involved, keep the Board informed but not expend any funds for legal/technical without first giving the Board an update."

b. Donation by the Reny Charitable Foundation; Parking Lot Lights

The Reny's Charitable Foundation has provided Bridgton with a check in the amount of \$8,000 to assist in the installation of lights for the parking lot on Depot Street. **Motion** was made by Vice-Chairman Woodward to accept this donation; 2nd from Selectman Bell. 5 approve/0 oppose

c. Donation by Lakeside Condominium Association

Lakeside Condominium Association at Pleasant Mountain provided Bridgton with a check in the amount of \$250 as a donation to the Bridgton Fire (\$125) and Police Department (\$125). **Motion** was made by Vice-Chairman Woodward to accept this donation; 2nd from Selectman Bell. 5 approve/0 oppose

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7. Town Manager's Report

Town Manager Berkowitz reported the following:

Patriot Day Storm-FEMA Reimbursements: The Town was notified that it would be reimbursed for the Patriot's Day storm expenses by FEMA. Though we will not get all that was asked for, we will receive a total amount of \$86,965.25 which is net of our local requirement of \$9,351. These funds will be first used to reimburse the PWD line items with the balance placed into the special FEMA account for future expenses.

Cash Management Account: The Town of Bridgton utilizes an overnight sweep account with Key Bank to maximize our interest earnings. Periodically, the documentation that authorizes this account must be renewed. We have completed that paperwork and it is now on file locally and at Key Bank. Our interest return ranges between 4.97% and 5.09% currently.

Town Receives Dividend Check: As a member of the Maine Municipal Associations Workers Compensation fund, we continue to receive annual dividends which offset our premium costs. This year we have received \$2,219 which goes to general revenues. What is also important is that Bridgton's experience rating (claims paid out against premiums) is less than 50%. Our employees should also be applauded for their efforts to work safely since it pays for everyone.

County Assessing Report: I will be attending a Manager's meeting in Scarborough on Thursday of this week to hear about the County's report on the possibility of providing a county wide assessment service rather than a town by town approach. The consultant's report is in my office and the combination of the meeting and the report should allow us to discuss this at your Sept. 25 meeting.

Winter Energy: We are still watching the market and price fluctuations. Over the next month I hope to have a negotiated price for heating oil, K-1 and propane.

Office Renovation Project: We are completing the project using a combination of our own staff, Jerry Gardner and Mike Fitch as well as outside vendors as needed. This work should be completed by the beginning of October and will then allow for the offices to be re-arranged. Our Staff are to be commended for their patience as we get through this work.

Vehicle Repairs: During the past three weeks three different police cruisers required substantial repair work for differing reasons. One cruiser involved in a delivery of an individual to Portland accidentally was scratched along one side of the car with no reported damage to the Portland vehicle. A second cruiser suffered bent struts and undercarriage related damage which affected the radiator operations. The third cruiser succumbed to a head on collision with a deer this past weekend. The Officer is fine. We have contacted our insurer and are proceeding with the repairs. At this point two of the cruisers are back on line.

MMA Convention set for October 3-4: This year's convention has been reduced by one day in an effort to concentrate the various programs without extending costs to municipalities. We are in the process of completing the registration for those elected and appointed officials who would like to attend. Any Select Board members should see me after the meeting and we will complete the necessary paperwork. I plan to attend and after reviewing the mileage cost versus an overnight it will be less expensive to stay in Augusta on that Wednesday eve. Programs include guest speaker Knight Kiplinger of the Washington based Kiplinger news, Conducting effective meetings, Prevention of work place violence, network luncheon, updates on the School Reorganization Process with Commissioner Susan Gendron, and specialty programs for tax collectors, clerks, Community Development Directors, Finance personnel and Managers.

Fire Department to Develop Web Pages: As part of the expansion of our Town's website Chief Glen Garland will undertake efforts to develop their Department's web pages as part of the Town's Website. He will coordinate with Laurie Chadbourne and we expect to have content up within the next month.

Preliminary Insurance Review: We are conducting a preliminary insurance review to determine if it would be cost effective to place our Insurances out to an RFP. At the September 25 meeting I will report the recommendations.

8. Old Business

a. Dedication of Annual Town Report

Motion was made by Selectman McHatton to dedicate the Annual Town Report to Frederick Potter; 2nd from Vice-Chairman Woodward. **Motion** was amended by Selectman McHatton to also dedicate the report to Charles Stone; 2nd from Vice Chairman Woodward. *All in favor to amend. 5 approve/0 oppose*

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9. **SAD #61**
No new information.

10. **New Business**
a. Permits and Documents Requiring Board Approval

1. Award bid for Annual Town Report

The receipt of bids was closed at 2:00 P.M. on August 23, 2007. To follow are the bids received and their amounts:

Marks Printing House; Belfast, Maine
\$1028.00 (90-92 pages w/one b&w photo)
\$1062.00 (92-96 pages w/one b&w photo)
\$10.00 Additional b&w photo
\$140.00 color photo

The Printery; Bridgton, Maine
\$940.00
\$12.90 additional photo (increments of 4; \$12.90 x 4 = \$51.60)
\$6.00 each additional photo
Note: ½ to be provided for proof additional time \$45.00/hr

Town Manager Berkowitz recommended awarding the bid to the low bidder. **Motion** was made by Vice-Chairman Woodward to award the bid to The Printery; 2nd from Selectman Gardner.
5 approve/0 oppose

2. Award bid for Public Works Dump Body and Plow Equipment

The receipt of bids was closed at 1:00 P.M. on August 23, 2007. Public Works Director Jim Kidder recommended that all bids be rejected to modify the specifications and begin the bid process again. **Motion** was made by Selectman Bell to reject all bids as recommended by the Public Works Director; 2nd from Selectman Gardner. 5 approve/0 oppose

3. Road Name; Chaplin Mills Road

Motion was made by Selectman McHatton for approval of Chaplin Mills Road; 2nd from Selectman Gardner. 5 approve/0 oppose

4. Application for Pole Permit; King Hill Road

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Woodward for approval of the application from Verizon New England for a pole permit on King Hill Road; 2nd from Selectman Gardner. 5 approve/0 oppose

5. Forest Hills Annex Cemetery Deeds

- Richard & Emma Sens; H6B; 2 grave lot
- Judy Warren; H16B; 2 grave lot
- Paula Huntress; H18B; 4 grave lot

- Paula C. Huntress; H20B; 4 grave lot
- Paula C. Huntress; H22B; 4 grave lot
- Paula C. Huntress; H24B; 2 grave lot

Motion was made by Selectman Gardner for approval of the six cemetery deeds; 2nd from Selectman McHatton. 5 approve/0 oppose

6. Sewer Commitment #28

Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Woodward for approval of sewer commitment #28; 2nd from Selectman McHatton. 5 approve/0 oppose

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10. New Business (continued)

7. Economic Development Committee Application; Mark Lopez

Motion was made by Selectman McHatton to appoint Mark Lopez to the Economic Development Committee; 2nd from Vice-Chairman Woodward. 5 approve/0 oppose

8. United States Census; Local Update of Census Addresses Program

Due to the amount of time and effort the employees would have to dedicate, **motion** was made by Selectman Gardner not to actively participate in the local update of the census addresses program; 2nd from Vice-Chairman Woodward. 5 approve/0 oppose

The Assessing Office will continue to provide assistance to those working to update census data.

9. Recommendation for an Engineer for the Depot Street Bridge Project

Town Manager Berkowitz reported that as part of the efforts to reconstruct the Depot Street Bridge, the State has indicated that it must approve an engineer's stamped design. He recommended that the Board engage Mr. Reid Potter and use FEMA funds to cover his billing. This would allow for the completed design work now and provide the Town Meeting an accurate estimate of the bridge replacement cost for their consideration as part of the FY 2009 budget process. **Motion** was made by Selectman McHatton to designate Reid Potter as engineer and charge the cost to FEMA grant funds; 2nd from Vice-Chairman Woodward. 5 approve/0 oppose

10. Request to conduct a display exhibit; Mr. Elihu J.U. Acker

Elihu J.U. Acker requested permission to display an art exhibit in Highland Lake Park. **Motion** was made by Selectman McHatton to table this request until the next regular meeting and invite Mr. Acker to attend the meeting to respond to questions regarding his request; 2nd from Vice-Chairman Woodward. 5 approve/0 oppose

11. Appointment of Town representative to the MMA Business Meeting

Motion was made by Selectman Gardner to appoint Town Manager Berkowitz as the Town representative at the MMA Business Meeting; 2nd from Selectman Bell. 5 approve/0 oppose

12. Request for Overhead Easement; Chalmers Insurance Agency

Chalmers Insurance Agency purchased the property located at 88 Main Street, adjacent to their current building located at 100 Main Street and separated by Bacon Street. The building will be an additional office of the Chalmers Insurance Agency. As a result, they are proposing to connect two offices via copper and fiber optic line. The specifics of the project are: One (1) 50 pair copper aerial cable suspended from high points on both structures, with lightning protection and grounding at both ends. Lashed to this aerial cable will be six (6) strand outdoor fiber optic cable that is also outdoor rated. This aerial attachment would be in excess of height requirements stated by both the Town of Bridgton and State of Maine, as well as any other utility, and would not be connected to any ground poles. The Chalmers Agency requested assistance in obtaining the necessary permits and/or approvals from the Town of Bridgton to achieve this goal. **Motion** was made by Selectman McHatton for approval of the following and to authorize Chairman Triglione to sign on behalf of the Board:

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10. New Business (continued)

12. Request for Overhead Easement; Chalmers Insurance Agency (continued)

**TOWN OF BRIDGTON
SELECT BOARD APPROVAL
INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR
DATA TRANSMISSION LINES OVER A PUBLIC WAY**

Reference: Maine Revised Statutes Annotated- Title 35-A, Chapter 25, Section 2501 et. seq.

The Bridgton Board of Selectmen do hereby grant a written location permit to the Chalmer's Insurance and Real Estate Agency to install, maintain and repair a data transmission line above the Town's street called Bacon Street, a public way, between its buildings at #88 and #100 Main Street, Bridgton Maine, subject to the following condition:

- This location permit is granted under 35-A MRSA Section 2503.
- The public way in question, Bacon Street, is a town way under the jurisdiction of the Town of Bridgton.
- The proposed line is an electronic data transmission line to be used solely by the applicant's real estate and insurance business and is not to be leased or used by third parties for other purposes.
- The proposed line shall be installed between the Applicant's buildings without the use of any public utility poles and shall be completed in accordance and compliance with the standards adopted by the Maine Department of Transportation governing the location and height of utilities along state or state aid highways within compact areas of urban compact municipalities as defined in Title 35-A MRSA Section 754.
- The installation and all subsequent maintenance and repairs shall be solely at the expense of the Applicant.
- Any future replacement or relocation of the approved line or location of additional lines must first be approved by the Board of Selectmen.
- The Board of Selectmen may revoke this permit and require removal of the approved line should they find the existence of the line is not in the public's interest, interferes with the reasonable use of the public way or creates a public nuisance.

The Applicant may not transfer this permit to any other person, business or entity. This permit shall not be effective until the Applicant has provided the Town with a certificate of insurance that specifically includes the approved line and names the Town as an "Additional Insured" with respect to the approved line. This permit is subject to the condition that the Applicant provide the Town with such a certificate of insurance each year on or before the anniversary date of this permit.

This permit is issued by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Bridgton this day the ____ of September, 2007 and is signed by its Chair, Mr. Arthur D. Triglione Sr. as authorized by the Bridgton Board of Selectmen.

Bridgton Board of Selectmen

By: _____

Mr. Arthur D. Triglione, Sr., Its Chair

Date: _____

2nd from Vice-Chairman Woodward. 5 approve/0 oppose

The signed official copy of the approval is on file in the pole permit book located in the Town Clerk's Office.

b. Legal Matters

There were no legal matters.

c. Selectmen's Concerns

Vice-Chairman Woodward encouraged interested individuals to attend a meeting between the Economic Development Director, Town Manager and area business owners on Wednesday, September 19, 2007 at 6:00 P.M. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at the Town Office. The purpose of the meeting is to promote the area.

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10. New Business (continued)

c. Selectmen's Concerns

Selectman McHatton had no concerns.

Selectman Gardner asked for the status of a new versus used Quint Fire Truck. Town Manager Berkowitz replied that research is ongoing.

Selectman Bell asked if the office renovations will exceed the appropriated amount. Town Manager Berkowitz replied that the project is not expected to exceed the allocation, but it may by a very small amount.

Selectman Bell asked if the hours are posted at Highland Lake Beach and requested more police enforcement in that area. Public Works Director Jim Kidder replied that the hours are posted. Police Chief David Lyons added that the Police Department patrols the area on a very regular basis.

Chairman Triglione had no concerns.

d. Other Matters

There were no other matters.

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

The Board reviewed the agenda for the next meeting scheduled for September 25, 2007.

12. Treasurer's Warrants

Motion was made by Selectman McHatton for approval of Treasurer's Warrants numbered 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, and 32; 2nd from Selectman Gardner. 5 approve/0 oppose

13. Executive Session:

MRSA Title 1 Chapter 13 Subsection 405.6D "Discussion of matters related to the current contract negotiations in the Police Department and Personnel Matters"

Motion was made by Selectman Bell to enter into executive session at 7:15 P.M. per MRSA Title 1, Chapter 13, Subsection 405.6D for discussion of matters related to the current contract negotiations in the Police Department and Personnel Matters; 2nd from Selectman Gardner. 5 approve/0 oppose Police Chief David Lyons and Police Lieutenant Peter Madura were invited to attend the executive session.

Motion was made by Selectman Bell to come out of executive session at 8:15 P.M.; 2nd from Selectman Gardner. 5 approve/0 oppose

14. Adjourn

Chairman Triglione adjourned the meeting at 8:16 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie L. Chadbourne
Town Clerk

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