

CDC Minutes of Meeting 8-19-2015

Called to order 8:10 AM

Committee Members:

Nelle Ely, Dave Crowell, Mark Lopez, Evan Miller, Phyllis Roth

Attendees:

Carmen Lone, Paul Hoyt, Bob Peabody, Anne Krieg

It was noted that several projects have come to be as a result of the CDC. Recently they were the workshop scheduled for the better Internet service, the list of town owned property, and the new signs coming to fruition.

It was discussed how to attract new and younger members to the CDC. The suggestion of speaking to the Lake Region High School students was discussed. It was also determined that the town will put an add in the paper asking for volunteers to serve on the committee. This add would be brief and indicate that the CDC is an advisory committee to bring different matters to the attention of the BOS and that the BOS determines the course to take.

Evan Miller made a presentation regarding establishing a Bridgton radio station. He has met with Howell Labs (Bob Surette). and has discussions concerning the possibility. Evan has talked to Howell Labs regarding the availability of used equipment. A motion was made by Phyllis Roth and seconded by Nelle Ely to have Bob Surette appear before the BOS. Evan will see about making the arrangement.

Nelle Ely informed the committee that she has 20 directional signs awaiting clear coating. She also has the ground signs painted and are awaiting lettering. The ground signs have scenes as well as lettering. She will start delivering them to the town in lots very shortly.

Carmen Lone has informed the committee that due to the efforts of the Community Center that they have reduced the amount of trash they generate by 6,000 dinner plates a year. This was accomplished by acquiring regular dinner plates and washing them.

There had been some concern that there might be duplication of effort between committees, especially the CDC and the Capital Expenditure Committee. Bob Peabody assured us that this at best would be very limited due to the charges for both committees being significantly different.

Apathy in Bridgton was discussed due to the lack of people getting involved. It seems that there is no response to solicitations unless people are approached directly. Phyllis Roth suggested moving the CDC meeting from morning to evening maybe once every six months to see if that would make a difference.

The signs in town were discussed and the fact that with the new sign ordinance nothing has changed. There was no suggestion of any action.

There was a suggestion that the CDC focuses on the downtown and not the rest of the town. After discussion it was determined that this is the area that requires attention.

Broad ban representative is October 20th at 5:00 PM in the municipal building to make a presentation. Bob Peabody passed out literature regarding a public law regarding the Municipal Gigabit Broadband Network Access Fund.

The next meeting will be 9-16-2015 at 8:00 AM in the BOS room. A reminder will come out before hand.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 AM

Dave Crowell