

**BRIDGTON PLANNING BOARD
MEETING/LEGAL WORKSHOP**

Board of Selectmen's Meeting Room

**January 16, 2007
7:00p.m.**

The Bridgton Planning Board was called to order at 7:05p.m. by Fred Packard, Chair. Those in attendance were: Fred Packard, Chair; Steve Collins, Vice Chair; Gordon Davis; David Lee, Alternate. Absent were: Christopher McDaniel; David Diller; Dee Miller, Alternate.

Present from the Board of Appeals was; John Schuettinger, Chair; Gerald Helwig; Chester Parker; Robert Mawhinney.

Present from the Board of Selectmen was; Arthur Triglione, Jr.; Robert "Woody" Woodward; Joan Gardner.

Department Heads present was; Rob Baker, Code Enforcement Officer.

Present from the Public was; Robert Macdonald; Peter Lyon.

Also present was; Mitchell Berkowitz, Town Manager; Betsy Moriarty, Bridgton News Reporter; Richard Spencer, Drummond, Woodsum & MacMahon.

Richard Spencer, Attorney from Drummond, Woodsum and MacMahon, conducted the legal seminar. The seminar was to review ordinances and regulations that the Planning Board and Appeals Board is responsible for. Also, to discuss conformity with state statutes, new legislation and how the Town of Bridgton Planning and Appeals Board would like to proceed with appeals. Mr. Spencer gave a power point presentation (copy attached).

Discussion ensued between Richard Spencer, Board Members and the attending public. The general consensus of the Board members was an "appellate review" approach rather than a "de novo" appeal process.

As a result, the Board of Appeals will meet on Thursday, January 25, 2007 and the Planning Board will meet on Tuesday, February 6, 2007. At that time, the members will discuss appeal options. According to the type of appeal the Boards choose, Mr. Spencer will draft language to incorporate into the respective Ordinances and Regulations and also "blanket" language for consideration at the Annual Town Meeting referendum to cover all respective ordinances and regulations. The Planning Board has a Public Hearing scheduled for February 20, 2007 and will add to that agenda the mutually agreed upon appeal procedure and draft language for discussion. Fred Packard, Chair for the Bridgton Planning Board and John Schuettinger, Chair for the Bridgton Board of Appeals will meet with the Board of Selectmen at their meeting on March 13, 2007 to discuss the type of appeal process chosen

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and report any discussion or concerns raised during the public hearing.

Fred adjourned the meeting at 8:45p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Municipal Secretary