

Annual Town Meeting Minutes  
May 1 & 2, 2026

Meeting was called to order by Michelle Farnham, Town Clerk, at 8:00 a.m. on May 1st and the following action was taken:

Article 1 Geoff Smith was elected moderator and sworn into office by the Town Clerk, Michelle Farnham.

Article 2 The following were elected by secret ballot for a three-year term:

- 2 Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor
  - Evan David Hepburn 245
  - Mark S. Gimbel 285
- 1 School Committee Member of the Boothbay-Boothbay Harbor CSD
  - Michael Bartles (Write-ins) 241
- 1 Trustee of the Boothbay-Boothbay Harbor CSD
  - Steven Lorrain (Write-ins) 160
- 1 Trustee of the Boothbay-Boothbay Harbor Cemetery District
  - Susann C. Hochstein 397
- 1 Trustee of the Boothbay Region Water District
  - David C. Tibbetts 429

Polls closed at 6:00 p.m. by Moderator, Geoff Smith.

On May 2, 2026 Moderator, Geoff Smith, swore Deputy Moderator, Melissa Holmes in to run the Annual Town Meeting.

The meeting was opened at 9:00 a.m. by Deputy Moderator, Melissa Holmes.

Daniel Bates from the Anchor Church gave the Invocation.

Article 3 Voted to accept the alewife fishing rights pursuant to DMR rules on West Harbor Pond for the year 2027 and that said pond shall remain closed for conservation.

Article 4 Voted to authorize the tax collector or treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. Section 506.

Article 5 Voted to establish the date taxes are due upon receipt of tax bills. The first installment is due September 16, 2026. Interest for the overdue amount begins September 17, 2026, at a rate of 7.0%. The second installment is due March 17, 2027. Interest for the overdue amount begins March 18, 2027, at a rate of 7.0%.

Article 6 Voted to set the interest rate at seven percent (7.0%) to be paid by the Town on abated taxes pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. Section 505(4-A).

- Article 7 Voted to appropriate the overlay to pay tax abatements and applicable interest granted during the fiscal year.
- Article 8 Voted to authorize the municipal officers, on behalf of the town, to sell and convey any real estate acquired by the town for non-payment of taxes, under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable, and to execute a quitclaim deed for such property.
- Article 9 Voted to authorize the municipal officers to make final determinations regarding the closing or opening of roads to winter maintenance pursuant to 23 M.R.S.A. Section 2953.
- Article 10 Voted to authorize the municipal officers to dispose of any town-owned personal property under such terms and conditions, they deem advisable.
- Article 11 Voted to authorize the municipal officers to carry forward any unexpended account balance, they deem advisable, provided that the account carried forward is used for the same purpose, and to fund any expenditure exceeding budget from the undesignated fund balance.
- Article 12 Voted to authorize the municipal officers to accept any state funds received by the Town and to appropriate any funds received for a particular purpose to that purpose. Funds received but not dedicated to a particular purpose are appropriated for such uses, terms and conditions as the municipal officers deem advisable.
- Article 13 Voted to authorize the municipal officers to apply for, accept and administer any state, federal, or private grant they deem advisable.
- Article 14 Voted to authorize the municipal officers, on behalf of the Town, to accept gifts and donations, and to appropriate those gifts and donations to the purposes for which they were received, under such terms and conditions they deem advisable.
- Article 15 Voted to use and appropriate ESTIMATED REVENUES of \$1,904,043 to reduce the property tax commitment.
- Article 16 Voted to raise and appropriate \$4,336,914 for the remaining Town of Boothbay Harbor Municipal accounts.

\$113,000	for the CAPITAL account
\$305,720	for the DEBT SERVICE account
\$293,242	for the ADMINISTRATION account
\$69,915	for the ASSESSING account
\$92,700	for the CONTRACT SERVICES account
\$4,120	for the SUPPLEMENTAL account
\$97,053	for the FINANCE account
\$94,065	for the INSURANCE account
\$13,956	for the MEETINGS & ELECTIONS account
\$126,847	for the MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS & VEHICLES account
\$16,693	for the SELECTMEN account
\$115,772	for the TOWN CLERK account
\$173,434	for the TOWN MANAGER account
\$350,000	for the PAVING & CONSTRUCTION account
\$688,977	for the PUBLIC WORKS account
\$53,372	for the PUBLIC RESTROOMS account

\$120,155	for the WINTER OPERATIONS account
\$15,000	for the ANIMAL CONTROL account
\$7,705	for the EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT account
\$111,741	for the CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT account
\$143,051	for the FIRE DEPARTMENT account
\$74,619	for the HARBOR MANAGEMENT account
\$49,657	for the PUMP-OUT PGM account
\$1,129,898	for the POLICE account
\$72,222	for the PARKING account
\$4,000	for the WELFARE account

Article 17 Voted to raise and appropriate \$1,620,863 for STREET LIGHTING, HYDRANT SERVICE, BOOTHBAY REGION REFUSE DISPOSAL DISTRICT, BAYVILLE/ISLE OF SPRINGS, and FIREWORKS accounts.

\$19,760	for the STREET LIGHTING AND LIGHTS account
\$761,430	for the HYDRANT SERVICE account
\$680,684	for the BOOTHBAY REGION REFUSE DISPOSAL DISTRICT account
\$138,989	for the BAYVILLE/ISLE OF SPRINGS account
\$20,000	for the FIREWORKS account

Article 18 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$806,132 for the SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS accounts.

\$18,000	for the BB/BBH CEMETERY DISTRICT account
\$15,000	for the BOOTHBAY REGION COMMUNITY RESOURCE COUNCIL account
\$6,700	for the BOOTHBAY REGION HEALTH & WELLNESS FOUNDATION (Community Center) account
\$37,570	for the COMMUNITY CABLE CHANNEL account
\$4,000	for the HARBOR LIGHTS FESTIVAL account
\$4,000	for the HISTORICAL SOCIETY account
\$700	for the MEMORIAL DAY/AMERICAN LEGION account
\$80,808	for the MEMORIAL LIBRARY account
\$1,300	for the NEW HOPE MIDCOAST account
\$25,500	for the BOOTHBAY REGION DISTRICT NURSE ASSOCIATION account
\$5,500	for the BOOTHBAY REGION HEALTH CARE, INC. account
\$1,200	for the HARBOR THEATER account
\$1,600	for the SUMMER BAND CONCERTS account
\$602,497	for the AMBULANCE SERVICE account
\$507	for the LIFEFLIGHT account
\$1,250	for the VEGGIE TO TABLE account

The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

A True Copy Attest:   
Michelle Farnham/Town Clerk