

**BOOTHBAY HARBOR
SELECTMEN’S MEETING MINUTES
VIA ZOOM
March 30, 2020**

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ATTENDING: Michael Tomko - Chair
 Tricia Warren – Vice Chair
 Ken F-Fitch
 Denise Griffin
 Wendy Wolf

Julia Latter, Town Manager

Chairman Tomko called the Board of Selectmen’s Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Introductions of the Board of Selectmen.

NEW BUSINESS: The board discussed the issue of whether Boothbay Harbor should join Boothbay and Southport in pursuing a waiver with the Maine Public Utilities Commission to delay the start of seasonal water. Select Board members Tomko and Wolf shared information obtained during a phone call with staff from the Public Utilities Commission. The PUC indicated its statutory role is to ensure consumers have access to vital services (such as water), and that a waiver request asking to delay the availability of seasonal water would not be consistent with the PUC’s statutory role. After discussion no motion was offered and no decision was made to support a waiver request.

To help year round and seasonal residents better understand current State and local restrictions put in place to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic, Selectperson Wolf shared a draft letter that could be mailed to all residents regarding best practices during the pandemic. The Board supported the suggestion to post and mail the letter outlining recommendations to have returning residents quarantine in place for 14 days upon arrival, and asking property owners to defer short term rentals until the COVID restrictions have been lifted.

MOVE TO ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m. after unanimous approval. Approved 5-0.