

**BOOTHBAY HARBOR
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES**

January 27, 2025, 6:00 PM

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ATTENDING: Michael Tomko - Chair

Ken Rayle

Alyssa Allen

Mark Osborn - Via Zoom

Mark Gimbel - Via Zoom

Julia Latter, Town Manager

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

TOWN MANAGER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Dogs must be registered by Friday afternoon to avoid a late charge of \$25.
2. Nomination papers for Town Officers will be available from the Town Clerk starting January 22, 2025, for the following positions:

3-YEAR TERMS

2 SELECTMEN AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

1 SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBER OF THE BOOTHBAY-BOOTHBAY HARBOR
CSD

1 TRUSTEE OF THE BOOTHBAY-BOOTHBAY HARBOR CSD

1 TRUSTEE OF THE BOOTHBAY REGION WATER DISTRICT

1 TRUSTEE OF THE BOOTHBAY-BOOTHBAY HARBOR CEMETERY DISTRICT

1 TRUSTEE OF THE BOOTHBAY HARBOR SEWER DISTRICT

Papers must be returned by 4:30 PM on March 3, 2025. Voting will occur at the Municipal Building Fire Station on May 2, 2025, from 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM. The town meeting will be held on May 3, 2025, at 9:00 AM.

FINANCIALS: Tax collection stands at 61.6% year-to-date, consistent with last year's schedule. Fred Brewer was set to present the financial audit tonight but has been rescheduled for the next meeting.

MINUTES: Motion to approve the minutes from January 13, 2025, as submitted; approved 5-0.

LICENSING: Motion to approve the renewal application for a liquor license for the Anchor Restaurant, Malt, Wine & Spirits, 204 Townsend Avenue; approved 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Wharves and Weirs Hearing:** Alison Prawer, 260 Samoset Road, proposed adding a 4'x40' float. The on-site hearing was held at 3:00 PM.

- Motion that the proposed application does not interfere with navigation; approved 5-0.
- Motion that the proposed application does not infringe on the rights of others; approved 5-0.
- Motion that all necessary documents have been completed and submitted; approved 5-0.
- Motion to approve the application as presented; approved 5-0.

2. Climate Resiliency Funding Update: Shri Verrill from Sunrise Ecologic requested capital reserve funds to support climate resiliency efforts in conjunction with the Boothbay Region Climate Action Team (BRCAT). The select board previously committed to enhancing climate resiliency and secured nearly \$79,000 from a Community Action Grant. On January 22, they agreed to allocate \$20,000 in capital reserves for climate action planning. Verrill encouraged Boothbay Harbor to do the same to facilitate proactive planning and attract additional state and federal funding, especially from FEMA. The board acknowledged the importance of these funds for the upcoming budget and will revisit the discussion on February 24.

3. Transfer of Police Department Reserve Funds: Motion to transfer \$4,745.94 from the Police Department Reserve Funds account to the Police Department Equipment account for the purchase of new rifles, as the department requires updated equipment; approved 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The board reviewed the ordinance drafts, incorporating feedback and recommendations from the planning board, during a workshop held on January 23rd, before submitting them for the town attorney's review.
2. Proposed changes include multifamily residential units and hotels in the downtown business zone, increased building height limits to 35 feet, and clarification of regulations on accessory dwelling units. A final decision will be made for the May town meeting warrant once language is finalized.

PUBLIC FORUM:

1. Evan Gutowski, County Commissioner, introduced and gifted the new county flag to Boothbay Harbor.
2. Resident Roger Matthews discussed safe and complete street initiatives focused on school areas, including available grants.

WARRANTS: Motion to approve the warrants; approved 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at 8:04 PM; approved 5-0.