MINUTES

BOOTHBAY HARBOR

SELECTMEN’S MEETING

SEPTEMBER 12, 2016

ATTENDING: Denise Griffin, Chairman

Russ Hoffman

Mike Tomko

Wendy Wolf

**Chairman Griffin called the Board of Selectmen’s meeting to order at 7:00 pm.**

Pledge of Allegiance: The Board of Selectmen and members of the audience.

TOWN MANAGER’S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The new phone system went in last week.

* All old handsets were replaced and the system seems to be working well.

1. An ad has been placed in the paper for approximately a month to replace Brent Barter as shellfish warden.
2. This Wednesday at the 6:00 p.m. Planning Board meeting there will be a pre-application review of the basketball and pickle ball courts school field park to try to waive the review process according to land use ordinance 170- 62, since “it will not change the nature or intensity of the use of the property; will continue to provide recreational courts and parking, including installation of vegetation to improve the aesthetics.”
   * The final plan will reduce the number of parking spaces from 35 to 28, add a sidewalk, flag pole and landscaping along Route 27.
   * The project will then be reviewed by the DEP (site location and development law).
   * Lauren Stockwell will preside over both hearings.

SELECTMEN REPORTS:

Selectman Wolf reported that the JEDC convened on Tuesday night after a summer break in August and needed to replace Frank Fassett who had resigned. Selectman Wolf stated they’d had an exciting presentation of the next “Gardens Aglow” event by Bill Cullina and had recapped the progress of their consultants, Green Tree Events. Selectman Wolf announced that banners to advertize the Festival of Lights

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would be going up shortly in Boothbay as well as Boothbay Harbor. Selectman Wolf reported there was also a logo to be displayed at participating businesses.

Selectman Tomko added that Green Tree Events would be doing another workshop at the Opera House at the end of the month for interested businesses.

FINANCIALS:

Finance Officer Latter reviewed the financial totals with the Board, confirming they were slightly ahead on tax collection compared to last year at this time.

MINUTES:

Selectman Wolf **motioned** to approve the August 8th minutes. Selectman Hoffman **seconded**. **Unanimous approval.**

LICENSES:

Selectman Wolf **motioned** to approve a **new** liquor license application from the Boothbay Lobster Wharf, Inc (due to an official name change). Selectman Hoffman **seconded**. **Unanimous approval.**

ONGOING BUSINESS:

(None)

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Selectman Wolf **motioned** to approve the annual General Assistance guidelines from the state. Selectman Hoffman **seconded**. **Unanimous approval.**
2. Selectman Tomko **motioned** to approve the Purchase Order for $5,000 to Green Tree Events. Selectman Wolf **seconded**. **Unanimous approval.**

Selectman Wolf **motioned** to approve the Purchase Order for $5,000 to SRJ Engineering. Selectman Tomko **seconded**. **Unanimous approval.**

Selectman Wolf **motioned** to approve the Purchase Order for $11,638.25 to S4 Lights. Selectman Tomko **seconded**. **Unanimous approval.**

1. Selectman Hoffman **motioned** to accept the bid of $26,698 from Quirk Auto (in Hallowell) to purchase a new police cruiser (which is $1,100 lower than that of Wiscasset Ford). Selectman Wolf **seconded**. **Unanimous approval.**

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1. Chief Hasch and Anni Pat McKenny from Lincoln Health in association with Jeff Black of the “Care Partners” program discussed opioid issues.
   * Opioid abuse is a confirmed epidemic in the town (as well as rampant in the state) especially for people ages 18 – 35 years old.
   * The police department would prefer to help people who are addicted rather than arrest them.
   * Recovery is more than just staying off drugs.
   * Are hoping to raise funds to support the programs.
   * Can get help from ARC (Addition Resource Center).
   * All officers carry Narcan which can reverse the affects of an overdose and save someone’s life.
   * Offering recovered addicts’ employment would give them a chance to remain drug free while possibly solving the employment shortage.

Selectman Wolf clarified that opioid addition changes a person’s brain chemistry; the opioid doesn’t make people feel “high” but “normal/pain-free.”

1. Thomas Churchill, Chairman of the Planning Board, presented the Board’s position on the DEP 1000 ordinance changes to Shoreland zoning.

* The Board has to choose to go with either the new state ordinance or stay with the present one which uses volume and area in determining Shoreland expansion.
  + The new state ordinance concerning Shoreland Zoning would greatly affect property owners within twenty-five feet of the Shore. Therefore, the majority of the Planning Board is in favor of staying with the ordinance they presently have and wait to see how other towns who adopt it fare.

Thomas Churchill stated the Board had also been charged with reviewing yard sale ordinances.

* + There is nothing in our ordinances presently.
  + To have such an ordinance would require a lot of enforcement in order to track offenders.
  + An ordinance might negatively affect side walk shop displays or 3-day craft shows, etc.

Selectman Wolf wondered if there was anything the Planning Board could find in other towns as a means to control a problem area in the middle of a highly visible location in the downtown business zone that impacts tourism.

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Thomas Churchill reiterated the complications of telling one business they can’t do something while allowing another.

Merritt Blakeslee wondered if having a business license might make a difference. Thomas Churchill responded they hadn’t investigated that.

PUBLIC FORUM:

1. Janet Martin and Greg Laderer expressed concern about the proposed roundabout versus the wider Frank Helman roundabout.

Manager Woodin responded that it was too late to change what was already gone before the state but even if it was not, it would be a non-binding item since our vote in Boothbay Harbor does not pertain to the town of Boothbay; that the two towns do not have an agreement about what happens in the town of Boothbay other than with the school system.

Selectman Wolf added that if the present roundabout plan was voted down their proposal to the state would go to the bottom of the list and may not be an option for a number of years when there may not be a private funding member on hand; that this is the first time anyone from the public has proposed for the town to be a partner in a process that has been going on since March.

Chairman Griffin stated there had been more communication between the two towns than during the past decade.

Selectman Hoffman pointed out, if the town of Boothbay Harbor was involved they would be expected to pay a share and didn’t see how they would ask the tax payers to do that (given the opportunity).

The consensus of the Board was if it didn’t pass in November then a whole new equation would develop.

1. Palmer Payne expressed concern about the ambulance service providing home health care (in reference to the SUV they had recently purchased to conduct administering medication or checking vital signs so ambulances can be available for emergency runs).

Selectman Wolf responded the program was being looked at state-wide to help people with chronic illnesses.

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1. Selectman Tomko made note of an upcoming Wiscasset Area Chamber of Commerce “Business after Hours” presentation by the Lincoln County Planning Commission on broadband on Thursday, September 15th, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm (across from Big Al’s).

WARRANTS:

Selectman Wolf **motioned** the warrants be approved upon careful review. Selectman Hoffman **seconded**. **Unanimous approval.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

(Postponed)

MOVE TO ADJOURN:

The meeting was **adjourned** at 8:45 pm.

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