MINUTES

BOOTHBAY HARBOR

SELECTMEN’S MEETING

MARCH 11, 2019

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ATTENDING: Denise Griffin, Vice Chair

Russ Hoffman

Mike Tomko

Trisha Warren

Wendy Wolf, Chair

Tom Woodin, Town Manager

Julia Latter, Finance Officer

Chair Wolf 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. Bid to produce the annual town report submitted by Lincoln County Publishing was approved unanimously. Bid requests were sent out in January to 8 or 9 publishers, Lincoln County Publishers was the only bid submitted. The bid came in under budgeted amount. The Board voted unanimously to accept the bid from Lincoln County Publishings.

2. Barney Baker Associates will be at the meeting on March 25th to give an update on the work they have done on the Fish Pier improvements. Barney Baker also plans to discuss refinements to the design of the footbridge and provide cost estimates to assist in the decision process. The timeframe to replace the footbridge is in fiscal year 2020/21.

SELECTMEN REPORTS:

1. Mike Tomko shared with the Board that he and Wendy Wolf had attended a broadband meeting at Lincoln County Regional Planning office. Mike handed out a list of websites related to broadband.

2. Mike Tomko gave an update on the functioning new siphon for West Harbor Pond and the final water quality testing that is yet to be done.

FINANCIALS:

Finance Officer Latter reviewed the financial totals with the Board.

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Approved the February 25th, 2019 meeting minutes. Unanimous approval.

LICENSES:

1. Four liquor license renewals for Linekin Bay Resort, The Opera House, Kaler’s Crab & Lobster House and Capers Deli were all approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

The renewal of the Historical Society 10-year lease was approved with no changes to the document other than the dates regarding the term of the lease. It was approved unanimously. (Copy of the lease on file)

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The updated Fish Pier public use document (tabled since January) was adopted unanimously. The only changes made to the document were the removal of obsolete verbiage that no longer applied to the pier such as permitting and an alteration of one sentence regarding what members of the public could use the pier, making it less restrictive. The previous version said “Boothbay Harbor residents” the new version now says “the general public”. (Copy of the document on file)

2. Wendy Wolf recommended that the unused Harbor Master reserve funds totaling approximately $23,000 be reallocated to the Route 27 Sidewalk reserve account to assist offsetting a local match fund shortfall that has been created due to the significant increase (s) to the projects estimated costs. This was motioned and seconded and unanimously approved.

PUBLIC FORUM:

1. Steve Lorraine presented a copy of the independent review of the Honeywell recommendation that was presented to the school trustees. Copies will be distributed to the Select Board.

2. John and Lynn Seitzer each expressed their concerns that they felt the input from attorney Bill Logan had unfairly influenced the wording of the warrant articles approved at the last meeting. They also had concerns that they felt what Chairman Bill Hamblen had recommended to the Board of Selectmen regarding planning board recommendations was not completely accurate. Chairman Wolf explained that the Board of Selectmen were not bound to make warrant articles out of all the Planning Board recommendations and that they are duly authorized to present their own recommendations for warrant articles for town meeting. She further explained that during this year long plus process there had been a significant amount of input either verbal or written presented to the Code Enforcement Officer, Town Manager, Selectmen and Town Attorney and that each and every bit of it was taken into consideration throughout the process. No particular information inappropriately influenced the Board of Selectmen and the entire legal process was followed to the letter including a public workshop and public hearing when finalizing draft warrant articles presented by Attorney Cunningham which was also done in a public meeting setting.

3. The Seitzer’s requested a copy of Bill Logan’s letter. *[ Attorney John Cunningham was fine with that request and the Town Manger promptly provided that letter to the Seitzer’s via email on March 12, 2019].*

WARRANTS:

There was a motion and a second to approve the warrants upon review. That motion was unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MRSA Title 1, Chapter 13, 405, 6, a personnel discussion began at 7:46 PM

The Board of Selectmen came out of executive session at 8:24 PM. No decisions were made.

MOVE TO ADJOURN:

The meeting was **adjourned** at 8:24 PM.

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