

Annual Town Meeting Minutes
May 4 & 5, 2018

Meeting was called to order by Michelle Farnham, Town Clerk, at 8:00 a.m. on May 4th and the following action was taken:

Article 1 Nicholas Upham was elected moderator by written ballots and sworn into office by the Town Clerk, Michelle Farnham.

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

- 1 Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor

Wendy Wolf 105

- 1 School Committee Member of the Boothbay-Boothbay Harbor CSD

Stephanie Hawke 112

- 1 Trustee of the Boothbay-Boothbay Harbor CSD

Steven Lorrain Sr., 120

- 1 Trustee of the Boothbay Region Water District, at large

Nelle Tharpe 117

- 1 Trustee of the Boothbay-Boothbay Harbor Cemetery District

Isabelle Lewis 121

Polls were closed at 6:00 p.m. by Moderator, Nicholas Upham

On May 5, 2018 Moderator, Nicholas Upham, swore Deputy Moderator, Ervin Snyder in to run the Annual Town Meeting at 8:45 a.m.

The meeting was opened at 9:00 a.m. by Deputy Moderator, Ervin Snyder.

Pastor, Richard Rego gave the Invocation.

Article 3 Voted to accept the alewife fishing rights pursuant to DMR rules on West Harbor Pond for the year 2019 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 6, 2018. Interest for the overdue amount begins September 7, 2018 at a rate of 8%. The second installment is due March 7, 2019. Interest for the overdue amount begins March 8, 2019 at a rate of 8%.

- Article 6 Voted to set the interest rate at eight percent (8%) 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 authorize the municipal officers to carryover previously approved funding into the next budget cycle and put it in a reserve account to facilitate the town's commitment to Economic Development? (The amount previously approved and raised for Economic Development was \$25,000)
- Article 16 Voted to authorize the municipal officers to carryover previously approved funding into the next budget cycle and put it in a reserve account for Capital Improvements? (The amount previously approved and raised for town improvements was \$25,000)

- Article 17 Voted to authorize the municipal officers to carryover previously approved funding into the next budget cycle and put it in a reserve account Professional Services? (The amount previously approved and raised for a planning consultant was \$20,000)
- Article 18 Voted to authorize the municipal officers to transfer \$50,000 from existing GENERAL FUNDS into the CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT RESERVE ACCOUNT to enable improvements to projects identified on the Capital Improvement Plan. (Those projects include designing and installing signage describing town history, Wayfinding signage, winterizing public restrooms and footbridge renovations)
- Article 19 Voted to use and appropriate ESTIMATED REVENUES of \$1,100,146 to reduce the property tax commitment.
- Article 20 Voted to raise and appropriate \$2,901,852 for the remaining Town of Boothbay Harbor Municipal accounts.

\$73,624	for the CAPITAL account
\$77,400	for the DEBT SERVICE account
\$163,184	for the ADMINISTRATION account
\$38,025	for the ASSESSING account
\$120,000	for the CONTRACT SERVICES account
\$2,800	for the SUPPLEMENTAL account
\$109,256	for the FINANCE account
\$97,000	for the INSURANCE account
\$13,528	for the MEETINGS & ELECTIONS account
\$78,486	for the MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS & VEHICLES account
\$38,817	for the SELECTMEN account
\$81,485	for the TOWN CLERK account
\$120,574	for the TOWN MANAGER account
\$260,000	for the PAVING & CONSTRUCTION account
\$468,901	for the PUBLIC WORKS account
\$24,632	for the PUBLIC RESTROOMS account
\$106,428	for the WINTER OPERATIONS account
\$7,208	for the ANIMAL CONTROL account
\$8,297	for the EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT account
\$81,517	for the CODE ENFORCEMENT account
\$77,655	for the FIRE DEPARTMENT account
\$32,472	for the HARBOR MANAGEMENT account
\$7,291	for the PUMP OUT account
\$766,156	for the POLICE account
\$37,116	for the PARKING account
\$10,000	for the WELFARE account

Article 21 Voted to raise and appropriate \$1,037,678 for STREET LIGHTS, HYDRANTS, BOOTHBAY REGION REFUSE DISPOSAL DISTRICT and BAYVILLE/ISLE OF SPRINGS accounts.

\$50,225	for the STREET LIGHT account
\$447,611	for the HYDRANT account
\$449,842	for the BOOTHBAY REGION REFUSE DISPOSAL DISTRICT account
\$90,000	for the BAYVILLE/ISLE OF SPRINGS account

Article 22 Voted to raise and appropriate \$376,672 for the SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS accounts.

\$15,000	for the BB/BBH CEMETERY DISTRICT account
\$4,400	for the BOOTHBAY REGION COMMUNITY RESOURCE COUNCIL
\$3,500	for the BOOTHBAY REGION HEALTH & WELLNESS FOUNDATION (Community Center)
\$31,307	for the COMMUNITY CABLE CHANNEL account
\$15,000	for the FIREWORKS account
\$3,000	for the HARBOR LIGHTS FESTIVAL account
\$2,000	for the HISTORICAL SOCIETY account
\$500	for the MEMORIAL DAY/AMERICAN LEGION account
\$52,000	for the MEMORIAL LIBRARY account
\$1,155	for the NEW HOPE FOR WOMEN account
\$1,000	for the SENIOR CITIZENS account
\$1,000	for the SUMMER BAND CONCERTS account
\$222,474	for the AMBULANCE SERVICE account
\$24,336	for the DISTRICT NURSE account

Article 23 Voted to amend the current Peace and Good Order Ordinance, Chapter 128-4, C, by adding “Private professional fireworks displays must be locally advertised two weeks prior to the event. Advertising costs are the responsibility of the event sponsor.”

Article 24 Voted to amend the current Land Use Ordinance as follows:
Section 170-28, Schedule of Dimensional Requirements, Note B is amended to read: “The minimum residential setback on Route 27, south of the Routes 27/96 intersection is 30 feet; the minimum residential setback on Route 27, north of the Routes 27/96 intersection is 300 feet. The minimum commercial setback on Route 27, south of the Routes 27/96 intersection is 40 feet. The minimum commercial setback on Route 27, north of the Routes 27/96 intersection is 60 feet.”

Article 25 Voted to amend the current Land Use Ordinance as follows:
Section 170-28, Schedule of Dimensional Requirements, Minimum Land Area
per Dwelling Unit in the Downtown Business District (with Town water and
sewer) is amended to read: Residential : 10,000; All other: 2,000.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

A True Copy Attest: _____
Michelle Farnham/Town Clerk