

BOOTHBAY HARBOR PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

May 27, 2026, 6:00 PM

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ATTENDING:

Tom Minerich – Chair
Merritt Blakeslee – Vice Chair (Acting Chair for current BHWP Application)
Ronald Cohen – Secretary
David Cody – Voting Member
Jim Mahoney – Alternate Member
Linc Sample – Alternate Member

Also Present:

Dan Feeney – Temporary Code Enforcement Officer
Dan Stockford – Town Attorney

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Site Visit: Boothbay Harbor Waterfront Preservation, 65 Atlantic Avenue; Presented by Anthony Muri (Attorney for Applicant) & Mitchell Rasor (Landscape Architect).

- Question / Answer:
 - Blakeslee asked if the Splash Pad had been used / Rasor answered that it had been turned on for testing purposes only to his knowledge.
 - Mrs. Doyle asked about the overboard discharge from the pavilion / Rasor spoke about the new pump station installed which was being connected to the town sewer.
 - Minerich asked if drain is currently working / Rasor said the pump is working but the lines are not installed yet.
 - Blakeslee asked for clarification on paving / Rasor explained that everywhere currently covered by gravel would be paved. The driveway would be 24' wide with landscaping on both sides.
 - Attny Collins asked about storm water controls for new plan improvements / Rasor explained that plants and other controls were put in place per DEP.
 - Cohen asked about the walkway being paved / Rasor clarified that pavers would be installed not pavement.
 - Blakeslee asked if the paved lot over the water would have any new buildings or uses / Rasor said no.
 - Attny Collins asked if more green space could be added by the dock area / Rasor explained that the area underneath the dock was all structural.

- Blakeslee asked for clarification on the fencing between the abutters / Rasor stated that no improvements had been made and existing fence would be removed.
- Attny Collins asked to see the approved splash pad location -vs- the existing location and size / There were some disagreements as to the original approved location of the site plan.
- Minerich asked for information about the NRPA Permit / Rasor stated that the NRPA permit was for the entire project.
- Sample explained the change in the Splash Pad location was 36' from center to center.
- The question was asked about the seating in the amphitheater (splash pad) as to whether it was in the original approved plan.
- Rasor explained that the relocation of the splash pad was due to miscommunication and that the person responsible for the location and size change was retired.
- The question was asked about events to be held at the park and noise ordinances / Attny Muri stated that the park would follow all local ordinances.
- Attny Collins questioned the splash pad location and distance from the abutters
- Question was asked about the building uses / Rasor confirmed the building would be used as a grocery store with potential storage instead of residential use.
- Question was asked regarding whether additional parking would be needed with the grocery store use / Rasor confirmed that the store, park, and marina will have shared parking.
- Cohen asked Attny Muri to provide an explanation of the applicant's position on de minimis changes.

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 10:15 AM by Blakeslee.