

**BOOTHBAY HARBOR PLANNING BOARD**

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

**January 8, 2020**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

William Hamblen  
John Hochstein  
Margaret Perritt  
Chris Swanson  
Jon Dunsford, First Alternate  
Lee Corbin, Second Alternate  
  
CEO, Geoff Smith

In addition to these typed minutes, audio recordings are available to be listened to at the Boothbay Harbor Town Office.

- Meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Chris Swanson. Jon Dunsford and Lee Corbin were moved up to voting members for this meeting.
- The Board reviewed the proposed mobile food vendor ordinance. CEO Smith reviewed what had been discussed at the last meeting, noting some corrections he had made and some language changes. The Board changed renewals of mobile food vendor permits to be approved by the Code Enforcement Officer. Other edits such as punctuation were made. John Hochstein requested that the library be notified of the proposed amendment as a courtesy, and to get their feedback. (At the end of the meeting, Smith agreed to contact the library director before he left that evening.) Smith mentioned that during a discussion with Colin Clark, the State Shoreland Zoning Coordinator, to get a pre-preliminary review of the proposals, and Clark wanted to be sure that this use was not allowed over the water. There was an attempt at drafting language to be added to the proposal that would specifically address this, which was initially not approved by the majority of the Board. After further discussion, it was decided that the sentence, “No use or operation that is not functionally water dependent shall occur from any structure over the water.”
- The Board reviewed the proposed blasting ordinance. Smith presented the proposal that the Board had supported in December. There was discussion about how it would be demonstrated that the abutters, or those within 300 feet of the property, had been notified. It was agreed that the language, “Evidence that notice of the proposed blasting operation has been sent, at least seven (7) days prior to the proposed blasting date, by certified mail to all landowners within

three hundred (300) feet of the subject property. Said notice shall indicate the location of the proposed blasting; approximate date and times that blasting will occur; and name, address, and telephone number of the entity that will actually perform the blasting operation.”

- The Board briefly reviewed a proposed ordinance that would enable the Port Committee to establish rules, and it was decided that the proposal would be forwarded to the Board of Selectmen for review.
- The Board reviewed §170-106 A (3) F. Bill Hamblen had provided two alternatives for language that could be proposed that would address ambiguity in this section. After discussion, the Board agreed to propose the following language; ”(f) Where the proposed subdivision is located on a lake, pond, river, saltwater body or stream, a portion of the waterfront area shall be included in ~~reserved~~ land reserved under (3) (a) above., ~~which~~ The dimension along the waterfront shall be a minimum of 200 feet, plus 10 additional feet for each unit/lot, or the entire extent of the waterfront, whichever is less. The dimension perpendicular to the waterfront shall be no less than 100 feet.”
- The Board briefly discussed adding, “Museums” as a use on the Land Use Table, §170-27. The Board felt that a definition of museums would be helpful, and Smith offered to provide some sample definitions for the Board to use in its review at future meetings. The Board agreed to review §170-27 and §170-28 over the next year.
- The Board voted to have a public hearing on the mobile food vendor, blasting, Chapter 133, and subdivision ordinances on February 19, 2020.

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Chris Swanson, Vice Chair

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Geoff Smith, Recording Secretary