

BOOTHBAY HARBOR SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

January 27, 2020

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ATTENDING: Michael Tomko-Chair
Trisha Warren-Vice Chair
Ken F-Fitch
Denise Griffin
Wendy Wolf

Julia Latter, Town Manager
Kathleen Pearce, Finance Officer

Chairman Tomko called the Board of Selectmen's Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked for a moment of silence for the loss the community has suffered this past week.

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

Introductions of the Board of Selectmen.

TOWN MANAGER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Town Manager Latter reported that she contacted John Trees, BRTV, for a status update on the live video equipment and the installation. Trees said that over the next week or so that they will be configuring it and will be moving forward.
2. On February 3rd at 6:30 p.m. there will be a broadband meeting held in the municipal meeting room. Consolidated Communications will be presenting. Public is welcome.
3. The Fish Pier study has been extended that expired December 31st with the Maine Coastal Program. Baker Design consultants has extended the contract to review the realigning of the boat ramp and to do a potential riparian adjustment that will be further discussed as the review is conducted for the study.
4. Absentee ballots for the March 3rd Presidential Primary/Referendum election will be available on February 3rd.
5. Nomination papers for town officers are available at the town office and will need to be returned to the town clerk by March 2nd. Voting will be Friday, May 1st, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Boothbay Harbor Fire Station.

TOWN DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Code Enforcement Officer, Geoff Smith, gave an update on the status of the Museum in the Streets. Code Enforcement Officer Smith gave credit to Chris Swanson and the Historical Society for all the work they have put into the project. There are plans to have one of the pictures blown up and available for display at an upcoming board meeting.

SELECTMEN REPORTS: Chairman Tomko intends on doing a recap on the Boothbay Festival of Lights activities and basic numbers. The committee meeting is scheduled for the end of the month. Tomko will have an update at an upcoming meeting.

FINANCIALS: Overview of financials given by Finance Officer, Kathleen Pearce.

MINUTES: Approval of the January 13, 2020, meeting minutes. Approved 5-0.

LICENSES: Victualer license – New license for Marcel’s Submarine Shop, 25 Townsend Avenue, Class B. Approved 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS: Becky Hayes Boober, Partnership Specialist with the New York Regional Census Center gave a presentation on the 2020 census and the reasons the census is important. There was a motion made for the Town of Boothbay Harbor to participate in being a, “Complete Count Community.” Motion seconded and unanimously approved. Approved 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS: Chairman Tomko gave a brief timeline on the Footbridge Project beginning when it was rebuilt do to the 1978-1979 winter storm through present. Tomko said safety and ascetics are the prime concern going forward and he thanks the town for all of their comments. After comments from the board and the community it was decided that the town will move forward slowly and concentrate on making the footbridge safe, while keeping the design as close to what it currently is as possible. The board directed Town Manager, Julia Latter, and Code Enforcement Officer, Geoff Smith to do research on obtaining a second engineering firms opinion.

PUBLIC FORUM: None.

WARRANTS: Motion was made to approve the warrants upon review. Motion seconded and unanimously approved. Approved 5-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: An executive session was held under MRSA Title 1, Chapter 13, §405 6(A), Personnel Matters at 8:09 p.m.

The board came out of executive session at 8:58 p.m. under MRSA Title 1, Chapter 13, §405 6(A), Personnel Matters. No decisions were made.

MOVE TO ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m. after unanimous approval. Approved 5-0.