

MINUTES
BOOTHBAY HARBOR
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
AUGUST 12, 2019

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

Julia Latter, Acting Town Manager/Finance Officer

Chairman Tomko opened the executive session at 6:02 pm.

Selectperson Griffin motioned to hold executive session under MRSA Title 1, §405 6 (E), Legal Consultation. Approved 4-0.

The board came out of executive session at 6:54 p.m. and no decisions were made.

Chairman Tomko called the Board of Selectmen's Meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

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

Introductions of the Board of Selectmen.

ACTING TOWN MANAGER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Fred Brewer rendered the final audit report and will be presenting it to the board at the September 9th meeting.
2. Harbor Master interviews were completed this prior week. Latter is recommending to hire and appoint Jeffrey Lowell as Harbor Master. She stated Mr. Lowell comes to the town with extensive boat and yacht handling as well as excellent customer service relations. If the Board approves him tonight required physicals will be scheduled. Chairman Tomko motioned to accept appointing Jeffrey Lowell contingent on his completion of required pre-employment exams. Approved 4-0.
3. Public works interviews have been completed for the replacement of Clyde Burnham who is retiring at the end of the month. Latter will make her recommendation to the board within the next few weeks.

4. Taxpayers have been in receipt of their tax bills. First installment is due on 9/5 and second installment is due on 3/5. Tax collection rates are trending as normal.
5. Barney Baker is working on project estimates. Over the next few weeks Latter hopes to schedule Barney to come meet to discuss the project with the board. The title work is being performed by our town counsel right now.
6. Public Works Department has taken receipt of the sickle bar and today it was attached to the Kubota. They will begin road side cutting this week.

TOWN DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

None

SELECTMEN REPORTS:

1. Chairman Tomko announced Eaton Peabody Consulting Group has been hired to search for the new town manager. The next step will be a meeting on August 21st at 7:00 p.m. to get the public's input. I.e. what would the public like to see in the next town manager? Don Gerrish from Eaton Peabody will be conducting the meeting.

FINANCIALS:

1. Overview of financials given by Julia Latter. Chairman Tomko congratulated Latter on a successful audit.

MINUTES:

Approval of the July 22, 2019 meeting minutes. Approved 4-0.

LICENSES:

Victualers license – New license for Farm 23, 102 Ocean Point Road, Class F. Approved 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Wharves and Weirs hearing for David William Iverson Revocable Trust was held earlier. Lauren Stockwell was here to briefly explain the details. The application met all three approval requirements. Approved 4-0.
2. Selectman F-Fitch gave a brief update on the Broadband Committee. Motion was made to accept Ken Rayle's application for the committee. Approved 4-0.
3. Acting Town Manager Latter updated the board on the RFP for the Pickleball/Basketball courts. One bid was received from Rosengren Landscaping, Inc. Freeport, Maine for the amount of \$36,313.00. After some discussion it was decided to turn down the bid due to unavailable funds in that amount. Acting Town

Manager Latter will talk to Public Works Foreman Upham and come up with a plan to go forward. An update will be provided at the next meeting. Motion was made to reject the Rosengren Landscaping Inc. bid. Approved 4-0.

4. Planning Board member Chris Swanson and Code Enforcement Officer Geoff Smith gave a power point presentation on "The Museum in the Streets". Overall the board expressed that it is a great idea, the funding is the only issue. It is not in the budget so maybe other funding ideas can be explored. Selectperson Wolf discussed wanting to see the minimum project costs be outlined. After some discussion, Selectperson Griffin suggested coming back in two weeks with some non-profit funding sources. Chairman Tomko mentioned he will also look at the budget to see what can be done on our side.
5. Acting Town Manager Latter presented a proposed ordinance change to amend Chapter 2, §2-4(D), Town Finances. The next step will be to hold a public hearing and place on a future town meeting warrant.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

PUBLIC FORUM:

No comments

WARRANTS:

There was a motion and a second to approve the warrants upon review. The motion was approved unanimously. Approved 4-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

An executive session was held under MRSA Title 1, §405 6 (A), personnel.

The board came out of executive session at 8:22 p.m. and no decisions were made.

Selectperson Griffin made a motion to accept Chief Hasch's retirement date of August 31st. Approved 4-0.

Selectperson Griffin made a motion to rehire Robert Hasch as chief of police under the terms of the Letter of Agreement as of September 2nd. Approved 4-0.

MOVE TO ADJOURN:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m. after unanimous approval. Approved 4-0.