

**MINUTES
BOOTHBAY HARBOR
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
APRIL 08, 2019**

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ATTENDING:

Wendy Wolf, Chair
Denise Griffin, Vice Chair
Russ Hoffman
Mike Tomko
Trisha Warren

Tom Woodin, Town Manager

Chair Wolf called the Board of Selectmen's meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

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

Introductions of the Town Manager and Board of Selectmen.

TOWN MANAGER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Due to a "corrupt data file" the warrants and financials were unable to print for this meeting.
2. Town report will be going to the printer this week.
3. Harbor Master ad will be running for an additional 6 weeks. (Has already run for 7 weeks previously)
4. Update on Park Street sink hole. A culvert failure underneath the road caused the hole. The culvert has been replaced, road repaired and reopened all in the same day.

SELECTMEN REPORTS:

None

FINANCIALS:

Not available for this meeting due to computer issue mentioned above.

MINUTES:

Approved the March 25th, 2019 meeting minutes. Unanimous approval.

LICENSES:

1. Licenses approved:
 - a. Victualers---Downeast Ice Cream Factory, Benchmark/DBA Spruce Point Inn & Resort & Spa.
 - b. Special Amusement---Brown Brothers Inc., McSeagulls, The Whales Tale, Boothbay House of Pizza.
 - c. Liquor---Renewals---Browns Wharf Inn, The Whales Tale, Pier 1 Pizza Inc., Boothbay Region House of Pizza.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Michael Maxim presented a recap of the success of the Boothbay Lights marketing efforts. Lodging and Restaurants continue to do well. A significant increase in sales volume took place in Retail this year and marketing impact continues to grow.
2. An updated "Public Participation Guideline" document for the Selectmen to follow was introduced, discussed and adopted. The document has been posted on the town website so everyone has access to it.
3. Mary Ellen Barnes and Megan McLaughlin will be rescheduling their appearance. Poor weather this evening was the reason for not asking them to drive down the peninsula in snowy conditions. Future date TBD.

OLD BUSINESS:

PUBLIC FORUM:

1. Sarah Folger shared her thoughts and admiration for her husbands six years of service as a Selectmen and noted that tonight's meeting is his last due to a work commitment during the last meeting in April.
Russ Hoffman was gracious in thanking the Town Manager and town staff for their support and guidance through the years as well as his current (and past) fellow Select persons. He also thanked the community and audience for allowing him to serve the community. Board members also thanked Russ and the room applauded.

2. Denise Griffin shared her concerns regarding the upcoming “candidate forum” night being held for selectmen candidates at Brady’s restaurant. She was greatly concerned that with Boothbay Region Television recording it, and since they receive Boothbay Harbors entire franchise fee to support their operations that it may appear that the Town of Boothbay Harbor in some way supports the event. Denise and Wendy both made it clear that the municipality had nothing to do with the event and that it would not be appropriate for the Selectmen or “Town” to involve themselves with campaign related issues or events.

Some public discussion arose from that from several of the candidates (all four were present) and representatives of BRTV. Nothing resulted from the conversation other than further reiteration that the event and conversation about the event was not appropriate for the Boothbay Harbor Selectmen to be weighing in on.

WARRANTS: There was a motion and a second to approve the warrants upon review when they become available. That motion was approved 4 in favor, and 1 opposed. (Denise Griffin re; BRTV funding)

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Brief executive session was held under MRSA Title 1, Chapter 13, subchapter 1, 405 6a. No decisions were made upon coming out of executive session.

MOVE TO ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 PM.

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