

# BOOTHBAY HARBOR SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

July 27, 2020

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

Julia Latter, Town Manager

Chairman Tomko called the Board of Selectmen's Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Introductions of the Board of Selectmen.

## TOWN MANAGER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. We are very thankful that people are wearing masks in the downtown area and walking our sidewalks, please discard them in one of the garbage receptacles provided throughout the town. People have been dropping them amongst the streets and public works are having to pick them up.
2. Regarding the Keep ME Healthy grant, we have received about 10 hand sanitizing stations to place throughout town. As the week goes on, we will be receiving more, plus the signs to be placed throughout town as well.
3. This past week Geoff as the assistant to the assessor and Kevin from RJD Appraisal, assessors agent, finished the work needed to prepare for tax commitment. This coming Friday, Rob Duplisea will be committing taxes and bills will be out within the week.
4. A tentative date has been set for the footbridge workshop. Latter asked if August 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. is an ok date. It was decided the workshop will be held at the Boothbay Region High School on August 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.
5. As a follow-up on goals that were provided for upcoming year, Latter asked about scheduling MCEDD (Midcoast Economic Development District) regarding TIF districts. They can assist us and direct us on different projects we are looking at. It was decided to add them to the agenda early September.
6. The town office is open by appointment only. Service is still provided online at [www.boothbayharbor.org](http://www.boothbayharbor.org). You can call the office at 633-3671 to make an appointment.

TOWN DEPARTMENT REPORTS: None

## SELECTMEN REPORTS:

1. Vice Chair Warren updated the board on the broadband committee. The next meeting will be held on Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.
2. Chairman Tomko mentioned that the Regional Planning Commission for Lincoln County is in the process of interviewing for a new county planner. Hoping for a final decision later this month or the beginning of August.
3. Selectperson Wolf provided a COVID update. The COVID incident command team has been meeting every two weeks to see what the community needs for support. i.e. food pantry, food for children, meals on wheels, ambulance service and the school. One issue the team is working on is increasing the availability of local COVID screening.

FINANCIALS: Overview of financials given by Manager, Julia Latter for Finance Officer, Kathleen Pearce.

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

LICENSES: Liquor License – Renewal license for Waves Restaurant, 43 Commercial Street (Malt & Vinous). Approved 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS: Discussion was held regarding American Cruise Lines being able to dock here sometime in September. With COVID some towns have restricted the access of the cruise lines due to the safety of residents of the town. The board decided to table the decision until the August 10<sup>th</sup> meeting to give some time to get information from the Maine CDC and research the safety of the town.

OLD BUSINESS: Latter gave an update regarding the boundary line between the Boothbay Harbor Waterfront Preservation and the Town of Boothbay Harbor. A motion was made to agree to accept the boundary agreement as presented and to authorize the town manager to endorse such legal documents as prepared and presented by the Boothbay Harbor Waterfront Preservation, at their expense, under the town attorney's legal review and advisement. Motion seconded. Approved 4-0. (Selectman Fitch abstained due to being a board member of the Boothbay Harbor Waterfront Preservation Committee).

## PUBLIC FORUM:

1. Boothbay Harbor Resident and business owner, Ken Rayle, spoke regarding the benefit for the local business owners when American Cruise lines visit the town.
2. Jason Denby from the Boothbay Harbor Chamber of Commerce thanked Ken Rayle and the board for their comments and said the chamber is here to support whatever decision is made on August 10<sup>th</sup>.
3. Boothbay Harbor resident, George Friant, believes having the cruise ship here does bring business to the town. Friant believes saying no to them now will say no to them in the future.

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

MOVE TO ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. after unanimous approval. Approved 5-0.