MINUTES BOOTHBAY HARBOR SELECTMEN'S MEETING NOVEMBER 10, 2014

ATTENDING: Denise Griffin, Chairman

William Hamblen

Jay D. Warren, Vice Chairman

Wendy Wolf

Thomas Woodin, Town Manager Julia Latter, Finance Officer

Chairman Griffin called the Board of Selectmen's meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

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

TOWN MANAGER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1. Manager Woodin stated on Wednesday, November 12th, they had several interviews scheduled for the two seasonal positions on the Public Works Department that are open.
- 2. Manager Woodin stated they had already started the budget process with the department heads and would hopefully have most of it finalized by the end of next week.
- 3. Manager Woodin informed the Board he had put a draft of a letter from Chris Higgins in their mailboxes to inform residents on Commercial Street near the Tugboat of a sewer lining project that would be happening soon.
- 4. Selectman Warren stated the 8 Wharf Street project should be commencing that week.

[Selectman Griffin reminded Manager Woodin, since he'd mentioned the budget process, that the Board had agreed they would try to find a new Harbor Master so Nick Upham would not be overwhelmed by too many jobs.]

FINANCIALS:

Finance Officer Latter reviewed the financial totals with the Board stating they were a little ahead on expenditures YTD due to putting money in the capital reserve and finishing the cold storage building but would be catching up.

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CONSENT AGENDA:

Chairman Griffin stated they had approval of the minutes of the October 27th meeting on the consent agenda. Selectman Hamblen **motioned** to approve the consent agenda. Selectman Warren **seconded**. **Unanimous approval**.

ONGOING BUSINESS:

1. Chairman Griffin stated they had had a chance to investigate and think about the Lincolnville Communications agreement that had been presented at the last Selectmen's meeting and asked for comments.

Selectman Hamblen stated their town lawyer was happy with the agreement. [Manager Woodin agreed with this.]

Selectman Warren stated he had no problem with it.

Selectman Wolf stated the feedback from Bigelow Labs was very positive.

Selectman Wolf **motioned** to approve the agreement. Selectman Warren **seconde**d. **Unanimous approval.**

NEW BUSINESS:

(None)

PUBLIC FORUM:

(None)

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Chairman Griffin asked if they should go into Executive Session.

Selectman Hamblen **motioned** to go into Executive Session under MRSA section 405 (6) (c) – Economic Development at 7:08 pm. Selectman Warren **seconded**. **Unanimous approval.**

Chairman Griffin stated it was 7:40 pm and they had come out of Executive Session; that there had been but no decisions made pertaining to Economic Development but there had been discussion about a potential agreement between the town of Boothbay Harbor and Selectman with the town of Boothbay and Selectman, developed during the joint economic development workshops. Chairman Griffin concluded the agreement (which a high level of the Boothbay Harbor Selectmen were in favor of) would be voted on at the next meeting of the Joint Economic Development Committee (the date of which had not yet been set).

Selectman Warren suggested Manager Woodin write a letter to Central Maine Power asking why communication between them and the town had broken down during the blizzard on November 2nd, which resulted in so many power outages.

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Selectman Hamblen clarified that communication between the fire department, the public works crew and everyone locally who needed to be on duty was working; that there had been particular difficulty in getting information from CMP about downed power lines, especially those due to the fallen tree on McKown Point, so a letter might improve communication during future storms.

Manager Woodin stated he'd be happy to write one.

WARRANTS:

Selectman Wolf **motioned** that the warrants be approved upon review. Selectman Warren **seconded**. **Unanimous approval.**

MOVE TO ADJOURN:

Selectman Wolf motioned to adjourn. Selectman Warren seconded. Unanimous approval. Meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.