

**BOOTHBAY HARBOR
SELECTMEN’S MEETING MINUTES
VIA ZOOM
January 10, 2022**

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ATTENDING: Michael Tomko - Chair
Tricia Warren – Vice Chair
Alyssa Allen
Kenneth Rayle

Julia Latter, Town Manager
Kathleen Pearce, Finance Officer

Chairman Tomko called the Board of Selectmen’s Meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Introductions of the Board of Selectmen.

TOWN MANAGER’S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. There are still a few vacancies for municipal boards. There is one full-time and two alternate positions on the Board of Appeals as well as one alternate position on the Port Committee.
2. Nomination papers for town officers will be available beginning January 26, 2022. Positions available for three-year terms will be:
 - 2 Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor
 - 1 School Committee Member of the Boothbay-Boothbay Harbor CSD
 - 1 Trustee of the Boothbay-Boothbay Harbor CSD
 - 1 Trustee of the Boothbay Region Water District
 - 1 Trustee of the Boothbay-Boothbay Harbor Cemetery DistrictNomination papers must be returned to the Town Clerk by 4:30 p.m. on March 7, 2022. Voting for the officers listed above will be held in the Fire Station at the Municipal Building on Friday, May 6, 2022, from 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Town meeting will be held on Saturday, May 7, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. at the Boothbay Region Elementary School.
3. Police Chief Hasch has been awarded a grant through MMA Property & Casualty for the police department for \$2,500.00. This law enforcement grant will help in the continuation of the Maine Law Enforcement Accreditation Program.
4. The Town Office will be closed on Monday, January 17th, in observance of Martin Luther King Day.
5. The first 2022-2023 budget meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 12th at 4:30 p.m. Meetings will be scheduled every Wednesday until the middle of March.
6. Damariscotta Town Manager Matt Lutkus and Latter have been working on a draft agreement for the shared part-time planner position. They are also working on a job description and Latter will forward both the agreement as well as the job description to the board as soon as they are complete. The hope is to have the position advertised by the end of January beginning of February.

TOWN DEPARTMENT REPORTS: NONE

SELECTMEN REPORTS: Vice-Chair Warren gave a recap on the status of the school and the building committee. They have started their three-part question and answer session with members of the community as well as students, teachers, and administrative staff. Things are going well and Warren is looking forward to the next two sessions. All meetings are open to the public and you can get more information on the AOS website or by contacting Evelyn Andrews at the Superintendent's office.

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

MINUTES: Approval of December 28, 2021, meeting minutes. Approved 4-0.

LICENSES: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A Wharves and Weirs Hearing for West Harbor LLC, DBA Blakes Boatyard, represented by Stockwell Environmental Consulting Inc., Map #4 Lot #57 and 58, 118 McKown Point Road, Boothbay Harbor was held earlier. They proposed adding fill to support a larger crane in the footprint of the previously permitted bulkhead. In addition, the applicant proposed a new 40' x 4' runway that will go to a 10' x 40' float for work boats, and a new 40' x 6' float will be added for more skiff tie up space. The application met all three approval requirements. A motion was made to approve the application as submitted. Motion seconded and unanimously approved. Approved 4-0.
2. Emily Rabbe, Lincoln County Planner, presented the 2021 Lincoln County Hazard Mitigation Plan. A motion was made to approve the adoption of the 2021 Lincoln County Hazard Mitigation plan. Motion seconded and unanimously approved. Approved 4-0.
3. A Boothbay Region Clean Drinking Water Initiative update was given by Boothbay Harbor representative Leslie Volpe, Southport representative Jean Hawley, and Boothbay representative, Jeannie Hamrin.
 - The mission is to forever safeguard the Boothbay Region public drinking water supply through land conservation, education, stewardship, and community collaboration.
 - The vision is a safe and clean public drinking water supply that ensures community health and economic vitality. Essential lands within the Adams Pond and Knickerbocker Lake watershed are protected through community collaboration.

OLD BUSINESS: Covid discussion – The town office is asking everyone to please wear a mask while doing business at this time to keep staff and customers safe. Vice Chair Warren mentioned how important it is to be patient with staff involved in doing the testing for COVID everyone is short staffed and trying to keep up with demand.

PUBLIC FORUM: Residents from Boothbay Harbor and the surrounding community commented on the pros and cons regarding a request for a citizen's initiative to remove fluoride from the public water supply and put the issue to vote. A discussion was held regarding the process of putting the issue to vote as well as views on why or why not fluoride is important. The next step will be to poll the board and decide whether or not to put it on the next agenda.

WARRANTS: Motion was made to approve the warrants upon review. Motion seconded and unanimously approved. Approved 4-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: NONE

MOVE TO ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m. after unanimous approval. Approved 4-0.