

**BOOTHBAY HARBOR**  
**SELECTMEN’S MEETING MINUTES**  
**Midcoast Council of Government Workshop**  
**November 14, 2022**

In addition to these typed minutes, video recordings of all Selectmen’s meetings are available to be viewed at BRCTV and audio recordings are available at the Boothbay Harbor Town Office.

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

Julia Latter, Town Manager

Chairman Tomko called the Workshop to order at 5:30 p.m.

Matthew Eddy, Executive Director of the Midcoast Council of Government (MCOG) gave a presentation regarding the services MCOG brings to our region.

Topics discussed included:

- The mission of MCOG is to strengthen the capability of member municipalities and counties to act individually and collectively to make Midcoast Maine a better place to live, work and play.
- Assistance includes municipal land use planning, economic development planning, sustainability, and resiliency planning and implementation, regional and subregional coordination, community development services, and cooperative purchasing.
- Sources of revenue include municipal planning assistance, Maine Department of Economic and Community Development Grants, Maine Northern Border Regional Commission Technical Assistance Program, U.S. Economic Development Administration, Development of Rural Development and FAME Regional Economical Development Loan program, and Maine Department of Transportation.
- Assistance included in the annual membership dues includes consultation, e-mail or written correspondence, minor amendments to ordinances, one detailed development review per year, and a written review of municipally owned-development projects.
- Assistance is also available through matching dollars, grants, and fee-based.
- MCOG will work with others like Lincoln County Planning Commission to collaborate on critical community development issues.
- MCOG can provide Boothbay Harbor with a range of community development services, including strategic planning, resource identification, and implementation.
- Goals include business growth and development, housing diversity and availability, downtown development and waterfront management, tourism infrastructure and maintenance, regional transportation and planning, and regional collaboration.
- Possible areas of focus include Camoin’s implementation strategy, the housing market, the status of water and sewer, waterfront issues, the 2015 comprehensive plan, funding resources, and workforce partner coordination.

The workshop was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.