

BOOTHBAY HARBOR
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
June 26, 2023

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ATTENDING: Michael Tomko - Chair
Kenneth Rayle - Vice Chair
Mark Gimbel
Mark Osborn
Alyssa Allen

Julia Latter, Town Manager

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

TOWN MANAGER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Windjammer Days' began Sunday, June 25th, and the fireworks are scheduled for Wednesday the 28th at 9:00 P.M. The rain date is set for June 29th. The public will be notified of the cancellation around 6 or 6:30 P.M. if there is inclement weather.
2. Fireworks are scheduled for July 4th, and the rain date is set for July 5th.
3. With upcoming nighttime festivities, the restrooms will be open until 9:00 PM this week, aside from the Fish Pier which will continue to close at 8:00 P.M.
4. The town office will be closing at noon, Wednesday, June 28th, for Windjammer Days'. The town office will also be closing at noon, Friday, June 30th for year-end processing. Tuesday, July 4th the town office will be closed all day. Numerous services will still be available through the Town of Boothbay Harbor website (www.boothbayharbor.org).
5. Mooring renewals are due June 30th. Payment options are available online or in the town office.
6. On July 24th the board will meet from 5:00-6:00 P.M. to continue work with Matthew Eddy from Midcoast Council of Governments. A fiber engineer for Spectrum is scheduled for a workshop from 6:00-7:00 P.M. the same day before the regularly scheduled meeting.
7. HVAC systems have been installed throughout the town office and should be operatable this week.
8. Town attorney John Cunningham plans to meet with the planning board and board of appeals for a training session on July 19th from 5:00-7:00 PM.
9. Selectperson Rayle asks how the town's online mooring system is working. Town Manager Latter explains that it is not as user-friendly as anticipated, however, it is still the first year and the town is working out the bugs. In terms of collection, we are on target with where we have been in previous years.

SELECTMAN REPORTS:

1. Mark Osborn plans to form a housing committee with Alyssa Allen. This will not be a town committee due to restrictions, however, they intend to keep other board members heavily involved and are open to any feedback.
2. Chairman Tomko shares a grant opportunity through Lincoln County ARPA for Affordable Housing Investment Process that allows for infrastructure and may be used to bring water and sewer to certain areas.
3. Chairman Tomko mentions that Tom Churchill, planning board chair, plans to have a workshop with Emily Rabbe regarding LD-2003.

FINANCIALS:

1. Fiscal year ends June 30th. Books will be closed that day, and our Finance Officer, Kathleen Pearce, will present more information after audit is scheduled.
2. There are remaining funds under Paving and Construction, in the amount of \$60,488.05. Latter asks that this be carried over into the next fiscal year to fund the repair of sidewalks and the guardrail on Samoset Road. There is a motion to move forward \$60,488.05 under Paving and Construction for the next fiscal year; approved 5-0.
3. After Labor Day sidewalks will be repaired up to Sweet Bay, and over time will continue as far as Grover's Hardware and down by Sherman's.

MINUTES: There is a motion to approve the minutes of June 12, 2023, as written; approved 5-0.

LICENSES:

1. Motion to approve the renewal application for a liquor license, Malt, Wine, and Spirits, The Opera House, 86 Townsend Ave.; approved 5-0.
2. Motion to approve the new application for a victualer's license, Wharf Street Restaurant and Bar, 16B Wharf Street, Class H; approved 5-0.
3. Motion to approve the new application for a special amusement license, Boothbay Harbor Oceanside Golf Resort, 35 Atlantic Ave.; approved 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Water Main Looping Project on Ocean Point Road; Boothbay Region Water District-Jonathan Ziegler, General Manager:** This project will create a nearly inexhaustible water supply for Boothbay, Boothbay Harbor, and Southport. This project will encompass Montgomery Road, Back Narrows, and Route 96 and will start at the end of July. Sergeant Corp is the contractor and they will determine the timeline and the way the work will be laid out. There is a pre-construction meeting on July 12, and construction is intended to potentially start on July 30th. The project will hopefully be wrapping up in early autumn.
2. **Clean Drinking Water Initiative (CDWI) Upgrades; Leslie Miravolpi and Hal Moorfield:** CDWI plans to educate our community about the threats to the public water supply and ways to address those threats, and to work with willing watershed land owners to protect more undeveloped watershed land. \$200,000 has been received in grants which is

enough to fund this operation for at least another three years, with the mission to safeguard the public water supply by preserving enough existing natural forest area in the watersheds to act as a natural filter to preserve water quality.

3. **Budgetary Implications of School Building Proposal; Tom Perkins:** Perkins asks the board to consider a better cost-sharing system and to reach out to other towns in the AOS to begin the discussion. Perkins expresses that he does not believe that what we are paying is financially sustainable for the number of children that actually attend the Boothbay Region School System.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Footbridge Renovation Project Update- Friday, June 23rd was the deadline to open the footbridge. The railings were not complete so for safety purposes the footbridge did not open to the public. Good progress is being made, we want to open as soon as possible, but safely. If railings are complete, however, lighting is not, we will be able to open the bridge and only close at night time. Will continue to update the public. Not setting a date at this point to avoid further disappointment.

PUBLIC FORUM:

1. Boothbay Selectperson, Julie Roberts, expresses concern with the lack of crosswalks on Townsend Ave. She understands that this is because laws will not allow for crosswalks where there are parked cars or openings, however, feels like it should be discussed among the town to see if any parking spaces may be removed to accommodate these laws for improved walkability. Roberts encourages everyone to tune in to school board meetings and to avoid hearsay.

WARRANTS: Motion to approve the warrants upon review; approved 5-0.

There will be no executive session tonight.

ADJOURN: There is a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 PM; approved 5-0.