

BOOTHBAY HARBOR SELECTMEN'S MINUTES

November 18th, 2024

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

ATTENDING: Michael Tomko - Chair
Ken Rayle
Mark Osborn
Mark Gimbel

Julia Latter, Town Manager

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

TOWN MANAGER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. 2025 dog licenses are now available and due by December 31st. Late fees will be applied after January 31st.
2. The town office will be closed on November 28th and 29th in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.
3. Brent Barter, Shellfish Warden, has submitted his resignation. Town Manager Julia Latter intends for Garrett French to assume his duties.
4. Town office restrooms will be open until January for Boothbay Lights on Friday and Saturday nights. Commercial Street restrooms will be available from 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM.
5. Preparation for the budget season has commenced, Latter is meeting with the department heads. Committee/board meetings are set to begin in January.

TOWN DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Thomas Browne, Finance Officer:

As of October 31st, the town has collected 57.94% of the total tax commitment. Income and expenditures remain stable and consistent with previous years.

SELECTMEN REPORTS:

1. Ken Rayle noted that the public works crews hung lights in a new format this year, which has been well received. He also mentioned that Boothbay Harbor hosted the Wienermobile, which was a hit among residents.
2. Michael Tomko reported progress on footbridge lighting, having found several working receptacles during testing. He hopes the apex will at least be lit soon. Tomko also expressed gratitude to the Botanical Gardens for inviting the board to Gardens Aglow for preview night and for holding the community night as well.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Gary Stone, from First National Wealth Management, presented an update on the town's investment accounts, noting that the portfolio, approximately \$371,000, is performing well.
2. Julia Latter informed the board about the need for a new salt and sand shed, as the current structure on Middle Road is in poor condition. The town's insurance has reduced coverage to general liability due to major structural concerns. While the project cannot be completed this year, Latter emphasized its urgency.

OLD BUSINESS:

LD-2003 Discussion: Another workshop will be scheduled for language to be voted on in May.

WARRANTS: Motion to approve the warrants upon review; approved 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at 7:13 PM; approved 4-0.