

BOOTHBAY HARBOR
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

January 8, 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
Mark Gimbel *Via Zoom*
Ken Rayle
Alyssa Allen
Mark Osborn

Julia Latter, Town Manager

TOWN MANAGER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The town office will be closed on Monday, January 15th, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
2. Fred Brewer with William Brewer's Office will be presenting the annual financial audit at the next scheduled selectmen's meeting on January 22, 2024.
3. Nomination papers for the following Town Officers are available from the Town Clerk starting on Wednesday, January 24, 2024.
 - 3-YEAR TERMS:
 - 1 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 District
 - 1 Trustee of the Boothbay Harbor Sewer District

Nomination papers must be returned to the Boothbay Harbor Town Clerk by 4:30 PM on Monday, March 4, 2024.

Voting for the officers listed above will be held in the Boothbay Harbor Fire Station on Friday, May 3, 2024, from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

TOWN DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

1. Winter operations for the snowstorm went very well. There were no equipment failures, public works employees were happy, and roads were clear. In addition, the new footbridge withheld the storm well and there were no complications in getting it cleared.
2. Mark Osborn thanked Brady's restaurant for the community lunch they provided.

SELECTMEN REPORTS:

1. Tomko gives his condolences to Latter and her family following the recent loss of her father, Terry Brewer.

FINANCIALS: Financials are relatively the same as this time last year. 60.3% of taxes have been collected year-to-date and the second half is due March 13, 2024.

MINUTES: Motion to approve the minutes of December 12, 2023, as presented; approved 4-0 with Mark Gimbel absent from vote.

LICENSES:

1. Motion to approve the renewal application of a liquor license (Malt, Wine, and Spirits) for Brady's at 25 Union Street; approved 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Juniper Point Village Improvement Society, represented by Stockwell Environmental Consulting Inc., Massachusetts Road, the applicant proposes to improve an existing pier by installing 7 pilings including 5 support pilings and 2 brace pilings to support two 8" x 8" headers under the pier and a chain turnbuckle tie-down. An on-site hearing was held at 3:00 PM.

Motion that the application did not signify any interference or obstruction of navigation; approved 5-0.

Motion that the application does not cause injury to the rights of others; approved 5-0.

Motion to approve Juniper Point Village Improvement Society to install 7 pilings and 2 brace pilings to support two 8" x 8" headers under the pier and a chain turnbuckle tie-down, as presented; approved 5-0.

2. T. Philbrick Enterprises LLC, represented by Stockwell Environmental Consulting Inc., 97 Atlantic Ave, applicant is proposing to lengthen the east-west float from 55' to 58' and widen it from 6' to 10', lengthening the angled float from 76.5' to 84.5' and widening it to 10' and widening the two 30' long finger floats to the west from 5' to 10' and removing the 28' x 6' float. An on-site hearing was held at 3:30 PM.

Motion that the application did not signify any interference or obstruction of navigation; approved 5-0.

Motion that the application does not cause injury to the rights of others; approved 5-0.

Motion to approve T. Philbrick Enterprises LLC to lengthen the east-west float from 55' to 58' and widen it from 6' to 10', lengthen the angled float from 76.5' to 84.5' and widen it to 10' and widen the two 30' long finger floats to the west from 5' to 10' and remove the 28' x 6' float with the condition that the applicant get final approval from the DEP, as presented; approved 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS: On November 30th, 2023, there was a joint workshop held between the Planning Board and Board of Selectmen to discuss ordinance amendments to be voted on at the town meeting. Out of that, a sub-committee was formed with Tom Churchill, Ronald Cohen, Michael Tomko, and Ken Rayle for further discussion. Tomko intends to forward a summary to the board drafted by Tom Churchill for their information and also gave an overview of what they have been focusing their time working on. The Board of Selectmen will be in touch with the

Planning Board to schedule another joint workshop to continue to push these ordinance amendments forward before the town meeting.

PUBLIC FORUM:

1. Resident, Patty Minerich, is concerned about the school's request of \$450,000 for a Tax Revenue Anticipation Note (TRAN) and the "uncomfortable pressure" on the trustees to approve the request with a lack of underlying data.

WARRANTS: Motion to approve the warrants, as presented; approved 5-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion to enter executive session under MRSA Title 1, Chapter 13 §405 6 (A), Personnel; approved 5-0.

No decisions were made in the executive session.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion to appoint Patricia Fallon as an alternate member on the Appeals Board, term ending June 30, 2026; approved 4-0, with Mark Gimbel absent from the vote.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at 7:36 PM; approved 4-0.