

**BOOTHBAY HARBOR
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES**

May 28, 2024

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ATTENDING: Michael Tomko - Chair

Ken Rayle

Alyssa Allen

Mark Osborn

Julia Latter, Town Manager

TOWN MANAGER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Applications for annual appointments are due back by June 10. A swearing-in ceremony will be held on a date to be determined.
2. Absentee Ballots for the June 11 State Primary and Boothbay-Boothbay Harbor CSD Budget Validation Referendum elections are available online and in the town office. The deadline to request an absentee ballot is Thursday, June 6 at 4:30 PM.
3. Northstar Planning has been hired as a planner for LD-2003. A planner will tentatively meet with the Select Board on June 10th. A priority planning workshop will be held before the regularly scheduled meeting from 4:00-6:00 PM.
4. Latter congratulates Officer Barry on graduating from the 45th Basic Law Enforcement Training Program at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy on May 17th.
5. Hours of pump-out boat operation have been altered as there have been no applicants for the Deputy Harbor Master position. Hours of operation will be 8:00 AM-4:00 PM Monday through Friday and 8:00 AM-12:00 PM Saturdays and Sundays.

SELECTMEN REPORTS:

1. Tomko mentions that he is gathering more information regarding new low-voltage LED lighting for the Footbridge and will update the board when he receives more information from sales and manufacturing reps.

MINUTES: Motion to approve the minutes of May 13, 2024, as presented; approved 4-0.

FINANCIALS: Finance Officer Browne gives an overview of the town's financials and will tentatively attend quarterly meetings. Taxes collected year-to-date are at 98.6%.

LICENSING:

1. Motion to approve the renewal application of a liquor license, Malt, Wine, & Spirits, Tugboat Inn, 80 Commercial Street; approved 4-0.
2. Motion to approve the renewal application of a liquor license, Malt, Wine, & Spirits, Brisetto's Second Cup, 41 Commercial Street; approved 4-0.

3. Motion to approve the renewal application of a liquor license, Malt, Wine, & Spirits, Cap'n Fish's Cruises, 42 Commercial Street; approved 4-0.
4. Motion to approve the renewal application of a special amusement license, Tugboat Inn, 80 Commercial Street; approved 4-0.
5. Motion to approve the new application of a victualer's license, Fisherman's Wharf Inn, 22 Commercial Street, Class H; approved 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Byron Cortez-Request re: Pride Month:** Cortez asks for help recognizing the LGBTQ community throughout the town and showing people that Boothbay Harbor is a welcoming community. Tomko thanks Cortez for attending and says that he believes creating language to recognize Boothbay Harbor as a diverse and welcoming community is important. He says the board is not prepared to make any final decision, however, welcomes Cortez and any board member to continue this discussion.
2. **Vote to authorize the signing of the Boothbay-Boothbay Harbor CSD Budget Validation Referendum Warrant:** Motion to authorize the signing of the Boothbay-Boothbay Harbor CSD Budget Validation Referendum Warrant, as presented; approved 4-0.
3. **Personal Property Write-Offs:** Motion to approve the Personal Property Small Balance Write-Offs, as presented; approved 4-0.

PUBLIC FORUM:

1. Al Roberts, a resident of Boothbay Harbor, expresses that if the board does decide to recognize the LGBTQ community, he would encourage it not to be shown as a flag. He believes that if any flags are to be hung it should be the American flag and that anything else could "open a can of worms" for other groups and organizations both good and bad.
2. Chuck House, a resident of Boothbay, says he is concerned that this recognition is helping to push the youth into a disoriented and confused state regarding gender. He clarifies that he respects people's rights to live the way they choose, however, he would like to prevent any confusion for the youth.
3. Pamela Mancuso, a resident of Boothbay, recommends the town stay neutral on the topic and avoid any proclamation as it may be interpreted as a legal decision.
4. Pam Miller, resident of Nobleboro, says she visits Boothbay Harbor with her family often and will no longer if the town decides to publicly recognize the LGBTQ community.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion to enter executive session under MRS Title 1, Chapter 13, § 405 (6)(A), Personnel at 6:58 PM; approved 4-0.

No decisions were made in the executive session.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at 9:55 PM; approved 4-0.