

BOOTHBAY HARBOR
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
September 23, 2024

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

Julia Latter, Town Manager

TOWN MANAGER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The meeting scheduled for October 15th has been canceled, as the Chamber of Commerce annual dinner will be held that night.
2. Absentee ballots may be requested up to 90 days before the election and will be available 30 days before the election.
3. The first installment of taxes was due September 18th and the second installment is due by March 18th.
4. On October 8th a workshop will be held 6:00 PM-8:00 PM regarding LD-2003.
5. Barrett Fuller has begun the next phase in the installation of sidewalks. Fuller's work is not in conjunction with the Maine Department of Transportation's work in the same area.
6. Littlefield Construction is MDOT's vendor. The town was not notified that work would begin and a portion of the brick sidewalk has been removed and replaced with concrete pads during the installation of detective warning fields; this is because the road is not on the historical registry, therefore the work must be done per DOT standards.
7. The pump-out boat will switch to an on-call basis and the full-time pump-out boat operator will return to public works for the winter months. The harbor master's hours will begin to shorten and will end following Indigenous Peoples' Day.
8. Restrooms will remain open until January and parking will end after Indigenous Peoples Day.
9. A Norwegian cruise ship stopped in the harbor and said thank you with a plaque. This stop was part of its repositioning from the Arctic to the Antarctic. 55 of roughly 500 people took the ship pole to pole on a three-month trip.

FINANCIALS: Finance Officer Thomas "Quincy" Browne will give a financial overview after Fred Brewer presents his final numbers from the audit at the end of October. Gary Stone with the first wealth management will also present and material will be given to the board beforehand. Taxes collected year-to-date are at 54.1% which is on target for this time in previous years. Browne has prepared the AP warrant with information for the upcoming purchase order of winter supplies.

MINUTES: Motion to approve the September 9, 2024, minutes, as presented: approved 4-0.

LICENSING:

1. Motion to approve the liquor license renewal for The Footbridge Brewery, 25 Granary Way, Malt, Wine & Spirits; approved 4-0.
2. Motion to approve the liquor license renewal for Carousel Theater Company, LLC., 196 Townsend Ave., Malt, Wine & Spirits; approved 4-0.
3. Motion to approve the liquor license renewal for, The Boat House Bistro, 12 The By Way, Malt, Wine & Spirits; approved 4-0.
4. Motion to approve the liquor license renewal for, Boothbay Lobster Wharf, 97 Atlantic Ave., Malt, Wine & Spirits; approved 4-0.
5. Motion to approve the special amusement license renewal for Carousel Music Theater, 196 Townsend Ave.; approved 4-0.
6. Motion to approve the special amusement license renewal for Boothbay Lobster Wharf, 97 Atlantic Ave.; approved 4-0.
7. Motion to approve the outdoor events permit application for Pemaquid Oyster Festival, Mine Oyster Inc., Pier 1 & Mine Oyster Inc., September 29, 2024; approved 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Adoption and signing of the new MMA General Assistance Appendices: Motion to adopt and sign the new MMA General Assistance Appendices A-H for October 1, 2024-September 30, 2025 in compliance with M.S.R.S. §4305 (4); approved 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Footbridge Lighting Discussion: Everything for this project has been filed with FEMA and the town is waiting for a quote from lighting consultants.

PUBLIC FORUM:

1. Fritz from The Boothbay Register asks why the cruise ship chose Boothbay Harbor for its stop. Rayle believes it is because Boothbay Harbor is the deepest harbor north of Boston and attractions such as The Botanical Gardens are nearby.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

1. Motion to enter executive session under MRS Title 1, Chapter 13, § 405 (6)(A), Personnel at 6:54 PM; approved 4-0.
 - Motion to authorize Julia Latter to sign the collective bargaining agreement for the police department, as presented; approved 4-0.
2. Motion to enter executive session under MRS Title 1, Chapter 13, § 405 (6)(C), Discussion of Real Property at 7:17 PM; approved 4-0.

*No decisions were made in executive session.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at 7:30 PM; approved 4-0.