MINUTES

BOOTHBAY HARBOR

SELECTMEN’S MEETING

JULY 15, 2016

ATTENDING: Denise Griffin, Chairman

Russ Hoffman

Mike Tomko

Tricia Warren

Wendy Wolf

**Chairman Griffin called the Board of Selectmen’s meeting to order at 7:00 pm.**

Pledge of Allegiance: The Board of Selectmen and members of the audience.

TOWN MANAGER’S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Update on new basketball courts

* The kitty-corner design when drawn to scale interferes with the goal post area of the football field.
* The basketball courts are now planned to be built parallel to the street (as the previous tennis courts were).
* After the Board of Selectmen approve this change, the plan will probably have to go before the Planning Board because it is a paved structure.
* The final stage is for the plan to go to DEP for permitting.

Selectman Wolf explained to the viewers that due to the fact this is a wetlands area, items such as drainage and setback considerations require permitting, which slows the process down.

Chairman Griffin stated Lauren Stockwell recommended including the landscaping plan when they file the plan with DEP to insure it eventually gets done.

Bill Hamblen, who had motioned to accept the final plan while Chairman of the BOS, questioned if they were using the correct drawing. Bill suggested the motion should be made to accept the repositioning of the courts on the drawing separate from the drawing.

Selectman Wolf **motioned** to approve the repositioning of the basketball and pickle ball courts as depicted in the drawing. Selectman Hoffman **seconded**. **Unanimous approval**.

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Manager Woodin pointed out they would have to raise more money during the budget planning process before they could begin, since they had approximately $30,000 set aside and the cost estimates were coming in at more like $58,000.

SELECTMEN REPORTS:

1. Selectman Wolf reported that there had been a story soliciting town input for a name of the Winter Event in the Register, which had churned up a lot of general interest and support from residents and businesses. Selectman Wolf stated they’d also had the first meeting of the Wayfinding Group which had been expanded by some additional members.

* Ted Hugger from Edgecomb (so now all towns on the Peninsula are represented)
* Mike Tomko who had spearheaded the branding work on the Peninsula)

1. Selectman Hoffman announced the Ambulance Service had had the groundbreaking ceremony for their new Fire Station the day before. Robbie Ham gave a speech with some interesting statistics such as the Ambulance Service having sixty-four calls over the first nine days of July. Paul Coulombe said a few words and an employee appreciation/recognition picnic was held. [The Station is scheduled to be finished by November.]

FINANCIALS:

Finance Officer Latter reviewed the financial totals with the Board, confirming it was common for the revenue and expenses to be out of balance at this time of the year.

MINUTES:

Selectman Wolf **motioned** to approve the July 11th minutes as edited and with one typo corrected. Selectman Tomko **seconded**. **Motion passed 4 – 1**.

LICENSES:

Selectman Hoffman **motioned** to approve a **new** (class change) Liquor license from Fisherman’s Wharf Inn. Selectman Wolf **seconded**. **Unanimous approval.**

ONGOING BUSINESS:

(None)

NEW BUSINESS:

Selectman Wolf stated she received a number of complaints about an ongoing yard sale on Townsend Avenue.

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Selectman Wolf had consulted with Code Enforcement Officer, Geoff Smith to see if there was an ordinance about them, re: time period/parameters to no avail.

* He did find a sample yard sale ordinance from a town in Pennsylvania that might be helpful.

Bill Hamblen stated there were some tools on hand in their ordinances if they’d like to pursue them.

* A license is required for peddling and soliciting.
  + A license for a year is $500.
  + A license for ten days is $100.

Chairman Griffin stated they might like to develop an ordinance similar to that of Boothbay over the winter. [The consensus of the Board was to come up with verbiage that would encompass all types of yard sales to make it clear.]

Selectman Tomko had done some research and stated Boothbay loosely defines the term “garage sale” to have a limited time frame that becomes a “tent sale” or “flea market” with definable limits if it lasts longer; Damariscotta doesn’t have anything except restrictions for signs/right-of-way; Wiscasset the same.

Manager Woodin stated he’d have Geoff Smith look into the “estate sale” on Townsend Avenue to see if charging them for a permit might stop it.

PUBLIC FORUM:

1. Bill Hamblen stated at the last Planning Board meeting he’d been tasked to get a sense of the Board of Selectmen’s opinion about the new state ordinance concerning expansion of a structure in the Shoreland Zone. Bill pointed out all but one of the Planning Board members felt they should continue with the system they have been using, which is to allow a onetime expansion up to 30% that is calculated by area and volume. The town’s attorney believes we might be leaving ourselves open to a lawsuit if we don’t adopt the state ordinance. In the meantime, our DEP representa-tive says we have the right to keep our existing rules and would not challenge us if we did. Bill stated there may be some value in waiting to see what other towns do; possibly a court case may come up that will resolve the issue; or legislature may pass a mandate forcing them to comply.

Chairman Griffin felt they could just wait.

Bill stated that Geoff Smith preferred keeping the system they are currently using since they have not had any problems with it. [Bill acknowledged he also agreed with this.] But it was more restrictive for property owners who are closer to the water.

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Bill stated the Planning Board was thinking of doing s survey of properties in town that might be affected adversely. Bill added that property owners who might be planning to use their 30% expansion option would lose their chance if the ordinance was changed.

WARRANTS:

Selectman Wolf **motioned** the warrants be approved upon careful review. Selectman Hoffman **seconded**. **Unanimous approval.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

(None)

MOVE TO ADJOURN:

The meeting was **adjourned** at 7:24 pm.

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