MINUTES

BOOTHBAY HARBOR

SELECTMEN’S MEETING

 FEBRUARY 27, 2017

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ATTENDING: Denise Griffin, Chairman

Russ Hoffman, Vice Chairman

Mike Tomko

Trisha Warren

Wendy Wolf

 Tom Woodin, Town Manager

 Julia Latter, Financial Officer

**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. As they do each year, the Boothbay Region Land Trust would like to make a donation to the town, this year in the amount of $450 with the Board's acceptance. Selectman Wolf **motioned** to accept the donation. Selectman Tomko **seconded**. **Unanimous approval**.
2. William Coll, Chairman Boothbay Harbor Republican Committee, has applied to be a member of the Budget Committee. Selectman Wolf **motioned** to appoint William Coll to the Budget Committee. Selectman Tomko **seconded**. **Unanimous approval**.

FINANCIALS:

Finance Officer Latter reviewed the financial totals with the Board stating that as of March 1st, they will have only spent approximately 55% of their snow removal budget for the FY.

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Selectman Tomko **motioned** to approve the minutes of the January 23rd and February 15th Selectmen's meetings. Selectman Hoffman **seconded**. **Motion passed 4 - 1 Abstention (on the January 23rd meeting)**.

LICENSES:

Selectman Wolf **motioned** to approve the application from the Thistle Inn for a **new** special amusement license, Class A + C for Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm, pending completion of the application with a diagram. Selectman Hoffman **seconded**. **Unanimous approval**.

ONGOING BUSINESS:

(None)

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Griffin asked Gary Stone, First Advisors to tell them about the town investment accounts.

Gary Stone explained how the interest rates of the bond market had favored their returns, pointing out highlighted items on the portfolio he'd presented to the Board members. Gary confirmed the rates were currently fairly stable but that it was difficult to predict where they would go. Gary stated that while the stock market had been doing well since the election, it does not necessarily correspond to interest rates.

PUBLIC FORUM:

(None)

WARRANTS:

Selectman Wolf **motioned** to approve the warrants upon careful review. Selectman Tomko **seconded**. **Unanimous approval.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Selectman Wolf **motioned** to go into executive session at 7:33 pm under MRSA Title 1, Chapter 13, 1, 405 6c & 6d. Selectman Hoffman **seconded**. **Unanimous approval**.

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The Board came out of executive session.

Selectman Hoffman **motioned** to increase Manager Woodin's salary to $86,000, retroactive to January 1, 2017. Selectman Wolf **amended** the motion to also say 'based on review of comparable salaries and market adjustments provided by Annalee Rosenblatt."

Manager Woodin questioned why it would not be retroactive to July 1, 2016, following their fiscal year.

Chairman Griffin responded that the start date had been off-cycle before. Selectman Wolf added that the motion should reflect the Board had done their due diligence in the salary review process.

MOVE TO ADJOURN:

The meeting was **adjourned** at approximately 7:35 pm.

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