MINUTES

BOOTHBAY HARBOR

SELECTMEN’S MEETING

APRIL 23, 2018

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ATTENDING: Denise Griffin, Vice Chair

Mike Tomko

Trisha Warren

Wendy Wolf, Chair

Tom Woodin, Town Manager

Julia Latter, Finance Officer

**Chair Wolf 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. On Wednesday, April 25th at 7:00 p.m. there will be a special Planning Board meeting to review the Advisory Group's suggestions for ordinance amendments related to the Maritime Water Dependent zone. [This will be an informational meeting with no votes taken.]

2. Reminder that town meeting is scheduled for May 4th and 5th. The voting will take place in the fire station on Friday, May 4th and town meeting at the Elementary School on Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

3. Tentatively, on May 23rd at 6:00 p.m. the Boothbay and Boothbay Harbor Select Boards will hold a workshop for a final review of the Camoin economic development master plan.

4. Chair Wolf announced copies of the 129th annual Town Report was available in the lobby at town hall and has already been delivered to most residents by Public Works. [Finance Officer Latter took the lovely photos on the cover as well as inside the document.]

FINANCIALS:

Finance Officer Latter reviewed the financial totals with the Board confirming the auditor would be there on July 5th.

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Vice Chairman Griffin **motioned** to approve the April 9th minutes. Selectman Tomko **seconded**. **Unanimous approval**.

SELECTMEN REPORTS:

1. **West Harbor Pond Watershed**: Selectman Tomko stated the West Harbor Pond Watershed Association steering committee had met on Friday, April 13th to begin planning a survey of the West Harbor Pond Watershed in order to apply for a Section 319 grant. The committee consists of WHPWA President Leslie Volpe, member Merritt Blakeslee, DEP environmental specialist John Maclaine, Boothbay Region Water District Natural Resources Program Director Sue Mello and Selectman Tomko. The grant could provide the funds to correct non-point source pollution sites that are found as well as replacement or repair of the 138 year old siphon that is no longer functioning. A small grant had previously been submitted. Boothbay may also get involved since the watershed extends into their area.

Vice Chair Griffin pointed out that since West Harbor Pond is classified as a "great pond" the public could use the water but there is limited public access.

Merritt Blakeslee announced that Boothbay had just committed to be a partner (that morning) as well as the Boothbay Region Land Trust and the Boothbay Harbor Sewer District. Merritt also confirmed the small grant had been awarded which will cover the start-up costs of doing the survey.

Selectman Tomko stated the survey, which will be done by volunteers, will take place on June 6th.

Vice Chair Griffin **motioned** that the town of Boothbay Harbor be a recognized partner. Selectman Warren **seconded**. **Unanimous approval**.

LICENSES:

1. Vice Chair Griffin **motioned** to approve the applications from Balmy Days Cruises, Pier One Pizza and Boothbay Region House of Pizza as a group to **renew** their Liquor licenses. Selectman Tomko **seconded**. **Unanimous approval**.

2. Selectman Tomko **motioned** to approve the applications from Cod's Head, Inc. and the Bistro, Inc. together to **renew** their Liquor licenses. Vice Chair Griffin **seconded**. **Motion passed 3 - 1 Abstention**. (Selectman Warren is employed by the Bistro and by the owner of Cod's Head.)

3. Vice Chair Griffin **motioned** to approve the application from the Boothbay Harbor House of Pizza for a Special Amusement license **renewal**. Selectman Tomko **seconded**. **Unanimous approval**.

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4. Selectman Tomko **motioned** to approve the applications from Cod's Head, Inc and the Bistro, Inc together for Special Amusement license **renewals**. Vice Chair Griffin **seconded**. **Motion passed 3 - 1 Abstention**. (Selectman Warren is employed by the Bistro and by the owner of Cod's Head.)

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Chair Wolf stated the Boothbay Region Refuse Disposal District had requested to speak to the Select Board that evening.

Transfer Station Board Member, Gary Farnham explained that they had been exploring the business opportunity of purchasing Giles Rubbish, Inc as a long-term solution to reduce the burden of the tax payers to fund the District.

Transfer Station General Manger, Steve Lewis stated they would purchase Giles Rubbish for $1,363 million dollars over a ten year span while Giles holds the mortgage. After the debt is paid off they are hoping for a 15% - 20% decrease it their budget. They would not be able to continue serving Wiscasset, Alna and Westport but Dan Giles is in the process of trying to sell that portion separately so those customers would be taken care of. The present employees of the District would be kept on.

JD Warren shared the enthusiasm for purchasing Giles Rubbish. JD stated they'd studied the numbers carefully and felt confident it would be an asset. JD was especially happy about keeping the jobs local.

Steve Lewis assured the Select Board that they had factored in all costs. The closing would be June 29th so they would be able to capitalize on the busy time of the year.

Steve confirmed the name would not be changed; that they would be an enterprise of the District. Steve stated they did not have the space to become a redemption station at this time.

2. Chair Wolf stated the Lincoln County Region Planning Commission periodically notifies them when there are grant opportunities. Last December Selectman Tomko, Bill Hamblen and Chair Wolf had attended a Shoreland grant program where speakers from the state were talking about opportunities towns can take to improve shore and harbor planning. After the state released the new FY2019 shore and harbor planning grant program guidance, they talked with Bob Faunce on April 14th about the possibilities of receiving up to a $30,000 award (with a 25% project cost if awarded). Since the town owned Fish Pier requires upgrading and the water front needs to be preserved, they decided their focus could be: "To improve the efficiency of the Fish Pier by reconstruction in a way that will better serve the fisherman as well as the working waterfront employees." The grant is presently under development in order to meet the May 18th deadline.

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ONGOING BUSINESS:

1. Chair Wolf stated the Select Boards of Boothbay and Boothbay Harbor were tentatively scheduled to meet on May 23rd at 6:00 p.m. to have a joint discussion about the economic development work that Camoin had done, including their recommendations and action plan. Chair Wolf suggested the Select Board have a preliminary discussion at 6:00 p.m. prior to their next Selectmen's meeting on May 14th before meeting with Boothbay. [The consensus of the Board was in favor of this.]

PUBLIC FORUM:

1. Selectman Tomko stated he'd been on the Board of the Lincoln County Regional Planning Commission for six years and was pleased to report that Executive Director, Mary Ellen Barnes had recently been awarded the U.S. Small Business Administration's *Economic Development Champion of the Year for Maine*.

WARRANTS:

Vice Chair Griffin **motioned** to approve the warrants upon careful review. Selectman Tomko **seconded**. **Unanimous approval.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

(None)

MOVE TO ADJOURN:

The meeting was **adjourned** at 7:43 p.m.

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