

**MINUTES
BOOTHBAY HARBOR
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
JANUARY 26, 2015**

ATTENDING: Denise Griffin, Chairman
William Hamblen
Russ Hoffman
Jay D. Warren, Vice Chairman
Wendy Wolf

Thomas Woodin, Town Manager
Julia Latter, Finance 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. Manager Woodin announced sadly that Jay D. Warren had submitted his resignation from the Board of Selectmen effective that evening and thanked Selectman Warren for his years of service, saying they would miss him.
2. Manager Woodin stated they had some requests out for the Town Report (due by 2/6), Town Auditor (due by 2/20) and that Lincolnville Communications still has the information for phone service to submit for the budget committee meetings.
3. Manager Woodin announced, in regard to the oncoming blizzard, there were three potential "warming" stations where people could go which were the Elementary School, Town Hall and the Boothbay fire station.

FINANCIALS:

Manager Woodin reviewed the financial totals with the Board for Finance Officer Latter who was recovering from dental surgery.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Chairman Griffin stated they had approval of the minutes of the January 12th meeting and the renewal of The Red Cup liquor license on the consent agenda. Selectman Hamblen **motioned** to approve the consent agenda. Selectman Wolf **seconded**. **Unanimous approval.**

ONGOING BUSINESS:

1. Chairman Griffin stated there was discussion of tax acquired property on Lobster Cove Road which could be done briefly during Executive Session under Acquisition/de-acquisition of property, MRSA Title 1, Chapter 13, subchapter 1, 405 6 C but before they did that asked if there was any other Ongoing Business.

Selectman Warren stated he'd like to say that he was resigning from his position on the Board of Selectmen that evening in order to pursue future goals but wanted to thank all of the people who had voted for him at the last town meeting last May; that during the past forty years he'd also enjoyed serving as a fireman and EMS.

Selectman Hamblen responded that Selectman Warren had been a very valuable member of the Board as well as a good representative of the town and that he was going to miss him very much.

Selectman Wolf stated she felt that went for all of them.

According to procedure, Selectman Hamblen **motioned** to accept Selectman Warren's resignation. Reluctantly, Selectman Hoffman **seconded**. **Unanimous approval.**

The consensus of the Board was to wait until the regular election time for people to take out papers to replace Selectman Warren's position rather than to hold a special election. [This represented only three months for the Board to operate with one less member before filling a two year remaining term of office.]

NEW BUSINESS:

(None)

PUBLIC FORUM:

1. Bruce Engert expressed concern about the monumental storm being predicted for the next day and was wondering who the emergency management director was. Manager Woodin responded that he was the Acting Emergency Management Director until they could find someone for the position that had been vacant since June 30th. Manager Woodin added that there had been an applicant the previous week who might be able to fill the position but no one else had come forward before.

Selectman Wolf clarified that it was a situation whereby no qualified candidate was interested for the position and would welcome any suggestions to identify as well as entice qualified people for the position. [Bruce responded he might be able to do this.]

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Chairman Griffin asked for a motion to go into Executive Session under MRSA section 405 (6) (A) – Personnel Matters at 7:17 p.m. Selectman Wolf **motioned** to do so. Selectman Hamblen **seconded**. **Unanimous approval.**

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The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:10 p.m.

No decisions were made during Executive Session.

WARRANTS:

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

Bruce Engert was granted a chance to speak once more from the floor, to express concern about the outcome of the property at Lobster Cove Road during Executive Session.

Chairman Griffin responded it was still pending and that Mr. Carter had requested to talk with them at the next Selectmen's meeting.

Elbert Giles stated that a similar experience in purchasing land had happened to him although it had not been a town property.

MOVE TO ADJOURN:

Selectman Wolf **motioned** to adjourn. Selectman Hamblen **seconded**. **Unanimous approval.** **Meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.**

