MINUTES

BOOTHBAY HARBOR

SELECTMEN’S MEETING

JUNE 24, 2019

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ATTENDING:

Mike Tomko-Chair

Trisha Warren-Vice Chair

Wendy Wolf

Denise Griffin

Ken F-Fitch

Tom Woodin, Town Manager

Julia Latter, Finance

Chair Tomko 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.

Introductions of the Town Manager and Board of Selectmen.

TOWN MANAGER’S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Reminder that the town office will be closed Wednesday the 26th in the afternoon to observe Windjammer days and closed Friday June 28th to close the books for the fiscal year end.
2. Basketball and Pickle Ball courts have been painted and are being used regularly.
3. The town is in discussions to possibly get Tall Ships to visit Boothbay Harbor during next year’s State 200-year Bicentennial celebration.

SELECTMEN REPORTS:

Mike T. mentioned that the Boothbay and Boothbay Harbor Boards of Selectmen had met to discuss the future of the JEDC. No decision was made. There was agreement that the boards should meet again.

Mike also welcomed people to Windjammer Days and made a special call out to the good work the town parking attendants do.

Mike mentioned that Lincoln County Regional Planning continues to search for a County Planner to replace Bob Faunce as well as a Community Development specialist.

Ken F. mentioned that he and I and DOT representatives met along with Nick Upham to discuss improvements to Union street crosswalks. Nick will provide sketches of the improvements to submit for DOT approval before proceeding with upgrades.

Wendy W. recognized the Boothbay Region Maritime Foundation on securing a Land for Maines Future grant.

FINANCIALS:

Overview of financials given by Julia Latter. Expenses and revenues continue to track normally as we approach the end of the fiscal year June 30th.

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Approval of the June 10, 2019 meeting minutes. Approved 5-0.

LICENSES:

Special amusement license (extension) was approved unanimously for the Boothbay Harbor Inn. Liquor license for Balmy Days Cruises was approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Kristina Ford, Dan Bryer, Desiree Scorcia and Joanna Breen were in attendance to discuss what progress has been by them regarding Broadband. The outcome of the discussion was that it deserved continued attention and that the formation of a committee to further pursue the issue was supported. The committee would facilitate the public participation process and oversee a “consultant-led” inventory of current service providers.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Board of Selectmen presented their goals for 2019/2020. They are; Atlantic Avenue sidewalk feasibility study, Route 27 sidewalk, workforce/affordable housing, footbridge, museum in the streets, peninsula Boards of Selectmen collaboration, harbor front master plan, broadband, walkability/sidewalks, year round water and sewer extensions, signage/wayfinding, parking, public transportation fish pier renovations and finish the Basketball/Pickleball courts.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Nancy Prisk shared some of the work she coordinated with Southport to provide and improve internet service to Indian Island.

Tom Minerich suggested taking a cautious approach to all the broadband ideas that were presented and that whatever steps be taken they should be the most prudent and financially responsible.

WARRANTS: There was a motion and a second to approve the warrants upon review That motion was approved unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: An executive session was held under MRSA Title 1, Chapter 13, subchapter 1, 405 6a (personnel matter) beginning at 8:30 PM.

Tom W. left the executive session and went home at 9:20 PM for the Board to discuss his review and compensation.

Trish W. left the executive session at 10:30 PM.

At 10:40 Wendy W. motioned the board come out of executive session. Ken F. seconded; all members agreed.

At 10:41 Wendy W. made the following motion: “The board directs Tom to authorize the Code Enforcement Officer to proceed at his discretion to give the resident more time to effect repairs on the stone wall, and warn about the procedure that will be taken if there is no action.” Denise seconded that motion and all members agreed.

There was no decision made regarding the Town Managers review and compensation.

MOVE TO ADJOURN: At 10:42 PM Denise G. motioned that the board adjourn. Ken F. seconded and the remaining four members agreed.

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