

BOOTHBAY HARBOR
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
November 27, 2023

In addition to these typed minutes, video recordings of all Selectmen's meetings can be viewed at BRCTV, and audio recordings at the Boothbay Harbor Town Office.

ATTENDING: Michael Tomko - Chair
Mark Gimbel
Mark Osborn
Ken Rayle
Alyssa Allen

Julia Latter, Town Manager

TOWN MANAGER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. 2024 Dog Licenses are available for renewal online or at the town office.
2. There is one vacant position available on the Budget Committee, and one alternate position available on the Board of Appeals. Applications are available online or at the town office.
3. Updates have been made to the town website, including a link to the town's new Instagram page @townofboothbayharbor.
4. The town office lobby and restrooms will be open as a shuttle bus stop on Friday and Saturday nights for Boothbay Lights. The Maddock's and Barretts Park restrooms are closed for the season and will re-open in April. Commercial Street restrooms are open 8 AM to 8 PM seven days a week.
5. Thursday, November 30, 6 PM-8 PM there will be a joint workshop held with the Planning and Select Board to discuss ordinances revisions.
6. The installation of new LED street lights is 95% completed and will wrap the first week of December.
7. Holiday festivities can be found on the Boothbay Region Chamber of Commerce website.

SELECTMEN'S REPORTS:

1. Gimbel says he is looking forward to the Lewis Park plaque being refurbished and placed in a boulder.
2. Osborn encourages board members to research the proposed ordinance revisions before the upcoming joint workshop to prepare and be as efficient as possible.
3. There is discussion amongst the board regarding how the workshop would be best executed. The board seems to agree that there is no need for attorneys at this time, however Lincoln County Regional Planning member Emily Rabbe may be beneficial to sit in as there is no fees attached.

FINANCIALS: 2023 taxes are at 58.7% collection year-to-date which is on target for this time last year. Fred Brewer has been contacted to decide a date to present the fiscal year 2022 audit report.

MINUTES: Motion to approve the minutes of November 13, 2023, as presented; approved 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Harbor Theater Presentation:** The Executive Director and President of the Harbor Theater relayed how funds allocated to them from the town were used in the last year and the possibilities moving forward. They discuss the importance of maintaining the small-town attraction and ways the organization gives back to the community.
2. **Dan Gardner, EMS Chief, Overview of 911 System:** Gardner discusses the importance of an active and vibrant EMS response system and the process of dispatching a call.

PUBLIC FORUM:

1. Resident Tom Minerich expresses that the information Gardner shared should be more widely presented as the information is critical for people who may be unaware.

WARRANTS: Motion to approve the warrants, as presented; approved 5-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion to enter executive session under MRS Title 1 Chapter 13 §405(6)(C) discussion of real property at 7:27 PM; approved 5-0.

The Board returned from executive **session at PM**. No decisions were made.

Motion to enter executive session under MRS Title 1 Chapter 13 §405(6)(A) Personnel; approved 5-0.

The Board returned from executive session **at PM**. No decisions were made.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to **adjourn at PM**; approved 5-0.