

BOOTHBAY HARBOR SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

October 24, 2022

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ATTENDING: Michael Tomko - Chair
Tricia Warren – Vice Chair
Denise Griffin
Kenneth Rayle

Julia Latter, Town Manager

Chairman Tomko called the Board of Selectmen's Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Board of Selectmen and members of the audience.

Introductions of the Board of Selectmen.

TOWN MANAGER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. 2023 Dog Licenses will be available beginning Monday, October 17th. State law requires you to license your dog in the Municipal Clerk's Office by December 31st. each year. Each dog six months of age or older or spending more than 10 days within the state must be licensed.
2. Absentee Ballots are available for the November 8th election: You may request an absentee ballot through the state online at www.maine.gov, our website at www.boothbayharbor.org, by phone: 633-3671, or in person during regular business hours - M-F 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Closed for lunch between 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. The November 8th election will be held in the fire department.
3. The culvert reconstruction and paving project on Park Street has been completed.
4. Midcoast Council of Governments (MCOG), will be here for a workshop at 5:30 p.m. on November 14th.
5. Mary Ellen Barnes from LCRPC emailed Latter and they are working on scheduling a workshop as well. They will be coming to discuss priorities for planning services. Latter will update the board when scheduled.
6. LCRPC and MCOG will be hosting a workshop on LD2003, an act to implement recommendations for the commission to increase housing opportunities in Maine by studying zoning and land use restrictions. The workshop will be held on November 17th at 5:00 p.m. at the Waldoboro Town Office and via Zoom.
7. The town office will be closed on Friday, November 11th in observance of Veterans' Day.
8. The town received one application for the Budget Committee, Latter asked if the board would like to take it up at the next meeting and it was decided to have Julia schedule a meet and greet with the applicant for the next meeting. The Board of Appeals has one regular member and two alternate member vacant positions available. The Port Committee has one regular position and two alternate positions available. We have received one application for the Port Committee which we can take up at the next meeting. Applications for appointments are available at the Boothbay Harbor Town Office and on the town website at www.boothbayharbor.org. Additional information is available by calling the town office at 633-3671.
9. A representative from the Chamber is scheduled to attend the next meeting to give an overview of the season as well as the Boothbay Lights moving forward.
10. The Harbor Master and Pump-Out boats have been winterized this week.

TOWN DEPARTMENT REPORTS: NONE

SELECTMEN REPORTS:

1. Vice-Chair Warren mentioned the New England Aquaventure (NEAV) Committee will be attending the November 14th meeting to give a brief presentation to the board.
2. Chair Tomko reported hearing from Nancy Prisk from Southport and she asked about the status of broadband. She stated there might still be funds available. Vice-Chair Warren said she plans on contacting her to see what might be available.

FINANCIALS: Overview of financials given by Manager, Julia Latter for Finance Officer, Kathleen Pearce.

MINUTES:

1. Approval of October 11, 2022, Fluoride Referendum Public Hearing minutes, Approved 4-0.
2. Approval of October 11, 2022, LED Street Light Conversion Project Workshop minutes, Approved 4-0.
3. Approval of October 11, 2022, Meeting minutes, Approved 4-0.

LICENSES: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A Wharves and Weirs hearing for William R. Tung, represented by Stockwell Environmental Consulting Inc, Map #28 Lot #7, Indian Town Island was held earlier. They proposed installing a 10' x 20' float as well as two pilings. A motion was made to approve the application as submitted. Motion seconded and approved. Approved 4-0.
2. Boothbay Region Water District representative Merrit Blakesley came to ask Boothbay Harbor for help regarding the purchasing of land for the watershed and the tax burden it will leave Boothbay. They are asking Boothbay Harbor and Southport's help to ease the tax burden on Boothbay. After discussion, the board decided they needed more information before making any commitments.
3. Latter asked the board to approve a purchase order in the amount of \$30,687 budgeted for a new 2022 Ford Explorer for the police department. A motion was made to approve the purchase order in the amount of \$30,687 budgeted for a new 2022 Ford Explorer for the Police Department.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Footbridge Renovation Project Update – There will be an on-site pre-bid meeting held on November 15th. Contractors can find out what may be included in the bid package. Bid packages will be going out at the end of the week with a due date of December 1st.
2. Public Health and Safety – The Whale Park restrooms will remain open through the Boothbay Lights Festival, and the Maddocks and Barret's restrooms have been closed for the season.

PUBLIC FORUM: Selectperson Griffin wanted to remind people to be careful what they read on social media sites to not get false information.

WARRANTS: A motion was made to approve the warrants upon review. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. Approved 4-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: NONE.

MOVE TO ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m. after unanimous approval. Approved 4-0.