MINUTES

BOOTHBAY HARBOR

SELECTMEN’S MEETING

 NOVEMBER 14, 2016

ATTENDING: Denise Griffin, Chairman

Russ Hoffman, Vice Chairman

Mike Tomko

Trisha Warren

 Wendy Wolf

 Tom Woodin, Town Manager

**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. The Festival of Lights begins on Friday, November 18th, so the last thing to do is to set the timers to illuminate the municipal lights from 4:00 pm to midnight. (Dan Bryer was planning to do the same thing in Boothbay.)

Manager Woodin thanked the staff of Public Works and the Fire Department for all their hard work to make it happen.

SELECTMEN REPORTS:

1. Selectman Tomko stated he’d attended the Flood Project Oversight Committee meeting that was held last week with Bob Faunce, making use of a $28,000 grant they’d received to do research on properties that might be affected. Bob was planning to take photographs of what the “king tide” was going to be like in the morning (due to the moon being closer to the earth than it has been since 1948).

FINANCIALS:

(Postponed until Finance Officer Latter’s return.)

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Selectman Wolf **motioned** to approve the minutes of the October 24th meeting. Selectman Hoffman **seconded**. **Motion passed 4 – 1 Abstention.**

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LICENSES:

1. Selectman Wolf **motioned** to approve the application from Mama D’s Café for a Liquor license **renewal.** Selectman Tomko **seconded**. **Unanimous approval**.

ONGOING BUSINESS:

1. Manager Woodin stated they had heard from four of the five contractors who had expressed an interest in the footbridge repair. Rideout Marine decided not to submit a bid due to the time restraints but they had received bids from the other three contractors to complete phase one of the repair by February 15, 2017.

* Fuller Marine Services $58,122
* Prock Marine $87,000 (plus $10,580 by 11/23)
* Chesterfield Associates $48,192 (plus $18,753 by 11/23)

Manager Woodin felt that it was not worth the extra money to expedite the repair and recommended the Board accept the bid from Chesterfield Associates (for the repair by 2/15).

Dave Allan, owner of Chesterfield Associates, with his wife and assistant Lucinda Tiller were in attendance to explain how they would handle repair of the footbridge. Dave stated Lucinda had located thirty-six foot timbers in Canada to be used to beef up the swing span in time for the expedited date of November 23rd that would remain in place for the completion of the phase one repair.

Manager Woodin confirmed the swing span repair would need an engineering design from Barney Baker and would be conducted during phase two.

Selectman Hoffman reminded the Board there had been a sense of urgency at the previous meeting.

Dave Allan calculated that any re-useable materials from the temporary repair would not amount to very much money for the town to defray the cost to expedite the repair but if they moved the expedition date to December, Chesterfield Associates could reduce their quote for this to $16,000.

Manager Woodin pointed out if the weather was bad it would discourage any foot traffic then and also that it would not be fair to the other bidders to change the date to complete phase one to December. (Manager Woodin added they’d already planned to bring “the three kings” to the Catholic Church by boat.)

Selectman Warren was not in favor of expediting the repair.

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Bruce Engert expressed disappointment the Board hadn’t made their decision before this meeting but admired their reasoning against incurring the expense to expedite the repair.

Selectman Hoffman **motioned** to accept the bid from Chesterfield Associates with the expedition to open by November 23rd. Selectman Tomko **seconded**. **Motion failed 3 – 2**.

Selectman Warren **motioned** to accept the bid from Chesterfield Associates without the additional expedition expense to be open by February 15, 2017. Selectman Wolf **seconde**d. **Motion passed 3 – 2**.

[The Board and Manager Woodin agreed to sign the contract and provide the deposit check that evening.]

Chairman Griffin asked Manager Woodin to get the completed engineering plan from Barney Burger as quickly as possible.

2. Selectman Wolf reported there had been a vacancy on the JEDC since Frank Fassett stepped down and had initially had three applicants from Alison Evans, Jon Dunsford and Jeff Teel. Selectmen Wolf stated Alison had had to withdraw her application due to some other demands. Jon and Jeff had attended the JEDC retreat and both participated which proved to offer two different perspectives (as business owner from the restaurant/innkeeper side and as engineer/architect). In the meantime, Jaimie Logan who works for the Governor feels she cannot provide as much involvement in the JEDC going forward so they have decided to appoint both Jon and Jeff to the JEDC representing Boothbay Harbor, if the Board approves.

Chairman Griffin **motioned** to approve the appointments of Jon Dunsford and Jeff Teel to the JEDC. Selectmen Tomko **seconded**. **Unanimous approval**.

[Manager Woodin offered to let them know.]

Selectman Wolf stated now that the JEDC has representation from both Southport and Edgecomb they may begin calling themselves the EDC.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Chairman Griffin stated, in view of the passing of last week’s Referendum Question #1, she had asked Manager Woodin and CEO, Geoff Smith to do a little research on how they might prepare as a town for the legalization of marijuana and potential social clubs in regards to ordinance zoning issues. Selectman Wolf added she’d spoken with people from Healthy Lincoln County who were very interested in substance abuse awareness opportunities.

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PUBLIC FORUM:

1. Selectman Tomko complemented Public Works on the new sidewalk being built on Oak Street.

WARRANTS:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

(Postponed)

MOVE TO ADJOURN:

The meeting was **adjourned** at 8:04 pm.

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