MINUTES

BOOTHBAY HARBOR

SELECTMEN’S MEETING

 SEPTEMBER 25, 2017

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ATTENDING: Denise Griffin, Vice Chair

 Mike Tomko

Trisha Warren

 Tom Woodin, Town Manager

 Julia Latter, Finance Officer

**Vice Chair 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. Reminder that the first Board of Selectmen's meeting in October falls on Columbus Day, so it will be rescheduled for Tuesday, October 10th.

2. There is a sewer project scheduled to begin after Columbus Day to replace some pumping stations on Oak Street and piping from the top of Oak Street near the Thistle, all the way to Union Street in the area of the buildings previously owned by Gene Damon. Traffic arrangements will be worked out. Chris Higgins will report more on this at the next Selectmen's meeting.

3. The AOS98, Rocky Channels School System, awarded Officer Larry Brown the 2017 MSBA Distinguished Service Award. Manager Woodin read a portion of the award statement as follows:

Boothbay Harbor Police Chief Bob Hasch states that, "the combination of Larry's true love for this community, its school system, and police work, creates an extremely positive atmosphere with excellent results. It is no understatement to say that Larry has been instrumental in changing the way we deal with juvenile issues in the Boothbay Harbor area. It is now rare that we have issues that go beyond the need for local intervention. Officers respect and trust Larry and know they can provide information that involve our students with the knowledge that he will make something positive of the situation."

Manager Woodin congratulated Larry and stated a copy of this award will go in Larry's personnel file.

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FINANCIALS:

Finance Officer Latter reviewed the financial totals with the Board, stating they will be making the final payment on the fire truck loan.

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Vice Chair Griffinstated there were two sets of minutes from September 11th to approve.

The minutes from the special public hearing scheduled for 6:00 p.m., to discuss the five warrants related to retail marijuana, were **tabled** until the next meeting due to the lack of a quorum. (Selectman Tomko had not been at that hearing.)

Selectman Tomko **motioned** to approve the minutes of the regular September 11th meeting at 7:00 p.m. Selectman Warren **seconded**. **Unanimous approval.**

SELECTMEN REPORTS:

(None)

LICENSES:

Selectman Tomko **motioned** to approve a liquor license **renewal** for China By The Sea. Selectman Warren **seconded**. **Unanimous approval**.

ONGOING BUSINESS:

1. A detailed basketball and pickle ball court vegetation plan was displayed showing provisions to prevent pickle balls from reaching Route 27 by a natural barrier of native shrubs and trees per the DEP requirements. These plants would be arranged in bio-retention cells that collect water. This plan will be presented by Manager Woodin at the next Planning Board meeting on Wednesday, October 11th at 7:00 p.m. [Once approved, construction will begin in the spring.]

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Selectman Tomko briefly reviewed the stakeholder interviews of seventy-three people from the Boothbay Peninsula conducted by Camoin & Associates on September 6th, in order for Camoin to begin to formulate suggestions for an economic development master plan. Selectman Tomko stated that they now needed to choose two Boothbay Harbor Select members to fill two of sixty slots attending the final master plan workshop by Camoin on October 12th. [There would also be two Select members from Boothbay and one Select member each from Edgecomb and Southport.] The plan is to come up with three deliverables by the end of this year: short term, intermediate and long term actionable steps.

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Selectman Warren offered to be one of the Select members. Vice Chair Griffin stated Selectman Hoffman had offered to be the other.

2. Manager Woodin stated they had gotten the formal paperwork back from the Department of Agriculture to sign, naming the town and the West Harbor Pond Association as the granter and grantee of the grant being submitted by the Lincoln County Planning Committee. Manager Woodin also had a Memorandum Of Agreement drawn up between the town and the WHPA to clarify the roles and responsibilities of both, releasing the town from anything they have not agreed to since it is a state owned road.

3. Vice Chair Griffin wondered about updates concerning the bowling alley. Manager Woodin responded they were aware they needed to move the jersey barriers back for winter snow plowing and they have also talked about putting some screening on the fencing that is there now to make it a little more attractive.

PUBLIC FORUM:

(None)

WARRANTS:

Selectman Tomko **motioned** to approve the warrants upon careful review. Selectman Warren **seconded**. **Unanimous approval.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

(None)

MOVE TO ADJOURN:

The meeting was **adjourned** at 7:38 p.m.

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