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BOOTHBAY HARBOR

SELECTMEN’S MEETING

 JULY 23, 2018

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ATTENDING: Denise Griffin, Vice Chair

 Russ Hoffman

 Mike Tomko

Trisha Warren

 Wendy Wolf, Chair

 Tom Woodin, Town Manager

 Julia Latter, Finance Officer

**Chair Wolf 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:

(None since Manager Woodin had just returned from vacation.)

Chair Wolf commented on the successful visit of the Norwegian Viking Ship, Draken Harald Harfagre to Boothbay Harbor, hosted by Gimbel's and Fisherman's Wharf.

FINANCIALS:

Finance Officer Latter reviewed the financial totals with the Board.

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Selectman Tomko **motioned** to approve the corrected minutes for July 9th. Selectman Hoffman **seconded**. Unanimous approval.

SELECTMEN REPORTS:

**JEDC**: Chair Wolf reported that at the Joint Economic Development Committee meeting on July 17th the members had talked about the role and future of the JEDC.

* Co-Chair Abbe Levin is stepping down in August to take on a new commitment.
* The Festival of Lights will now be called, "Boothbay Lights." [Meetings of this sub-committee are held at the Tugboat Inn on the first Friday each month.]

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* Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens has received the 2018/2019 Special Event Grant from the Maine Office of Tourism enabling $50,000 in marketing outside of Maine which should expand visitor numbers even more. [The cafe' at CMBG will not be open during Gardens Aglow this year driving business to the other restaurants in the region.]
* There are 23 people (including JEDC members) focused on affordable and work-force housing who listened to Deborah Keller of Bath Housing in July, who had policy suggestions to increase housing stock in these areas. [There will be another meeting in August.]
* They also talked about the importance of broadband and wayfinding.

[The next meeting of the JEDC is Tuesday, August 7th at 7:00 p.m.]

LICENSES:

(None)

NEW BUSINESS:

(None)

ONGOING BUSINESS:

1. Selectman Tomko stated the three concepts of the Footbridge reconstruction by Baker Design Consultants can be seen on the town's website.

PUBLIC FORUM:

1. Marcia \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ had concerns about the east side development that were deemed more appropriate for the next Planning Board meeting while this is under their purview.

2. Steve Lorrain, member of the Boothbay-Boothbay Harbor CSD Board of Trustees, reported the Regional High School and Elementary schools are in great need of upgrades that could cost as much as $10 million dollars. [The Board and Lorrain agreed a meeting between the Boothbay and Boothbay Harbor Select Boards, the trustees and the school committee would be the best way to move forward after the school committee reviews the projects and cost estimates.]

3. Bill Logan clarified the next Planning Board meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, August 8th.

4. Julie Roberts wondered how much the Footbridge renovation was going to cost and funded. [Manager Woodin explained a final design would have to be chosen before cost estimates can become available.]

5. Tom Myette asked if there would be more meetings on the Footbridge renovation.

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[Manager Woodin responded there would; that the renovation was not scheduled to occur until 2019/2020. They are just narrowing things down at this time based on public input. They are also waiting to see if they will be awarded a $250,000 SHIP (Safety & Health Investment Project) grant.]

6. Karen Grindall asked why two renderings of the Footbridge showed the house detached.

[Chair Wolf explained it would not be detached but rather have different ways to be attached that don't show well on the renderings. The Footbridge will have to be elevated by four feet to withstand rising sea levels.]

7. Karen Grindall asked if the Select Board were still pursuing the acquisition of public (water front) land on the east side. [Chair Wolf responded that starting a fund for acquisition of public land, which would be part of capital improvement, is a longer process. They would be able to discuss it during the budget sessions in January.]

WARRANTS:

Vice Chair Griffin **motioned** to approve the warrants upon careful review. Selectman Hoffman **seconded**. **Unanimous approval.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:38 p.m. under MRSA Title 1, 405, 6 (C) - Acquisition of real property.

The Board came out of executive session at 7:59.

A **motion** was made to sign over the town tax acquired property at 35 Campbell Street, map 20, lot 26 to Habitat for Humanity 7 Rivers at no cost as per Habitat’s property bid dated 7/13/2018 that proposed building affordable workforce housing.

The board voted **unanimously** to approve the motion.

MOVE TO ADJOURN:

The meeting was **adjourned** at 8:00 p.m.

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