MINUTES

BOOTHBAY HARBOR

SELECTMEN’S MEETING

NOVEMBER 13, 2018

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ATTENDING: 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:

1. The new, improved town website is up and functioning. The website is a pretty site and much more user friendly with just a few bugs to work out.

2. Gardens Aglow opens on Thursday night, November 15th.

3. Public Works has been shorthanded for over a month but now open positions are filled. However with the weather and paving they are behind in getting the festival lights up on the library, but hope to have most of them up by Thursday.

4. In the near future ads will be posted for a Harbor Master, deputy Harbor Master and a Budget Committee position. Also, David and Betsy Pratt will no longer be Animal Control officers. The town may be able to tag along with the Animal Control program for the County. Manager Woodin will keep the Select Board informed on this.

5. The warming hutch for the Garden's Aglow shuttle this year, beside the municipal parking lot building across from town hall, is courtesy of Shed City in Warren.

FINANCIALS:

Finance Officer Latter reviewed the financial totals with the Board.

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Selectman Tomko **motioned** to approve the minutes of the October 22nd meeting. Selectman Warren **seconded**. **Unanimous approval.**

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SELECTMEN REPORTS:

1. **CSD:** Selectman Warrenstated that she and Vice Chair Griffin had met with Dale Harmon and Steve Lewis plus Manager Woodin and Boothbay Manager Dan Bryer on Tuesday, October 23rd to discuss increasing the capital reserve cap. The consensus of the group was that the charter or some type of contractual agreement should be kept. Selectman Warren and Vice Chair Griffin will see if the CSD Boards would like to have representatives at future meetings. They intend to look at information from the auditor of the CSD to better understand the budgeting system.

LICENSES:

1. Selectman Tomko **motioned** to approve the application from the Red Cup Coffeehouse for a Liquor license **renewal**. Selectman Warren **seconded**. **Unanimous approval**.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Chair Wolf invited Fayette Town Manager, Mark Robinson, to explain what the "Raise the Floor" initiative was about. Robinson stated that he had been charged by the Fayette Select Board to give this presentation to towns in Maine who receive similarly low levels of educational subsidies from the state. Apparently some towns with approximately the same income per capita receive very different amounts because of the Essential Programs and Services (EPS) system used to determine these subsidies. Towns the state considers to be low to middle receivership districts because they have sufficient property tax resources only receive a minimum subsidy.

Because the EPS system does not take the age of the population and median income into consideration many towns are set up to fail. The "Raise the Floor" initiative seeks to implement a minimum state subsidy of 15% of the total EPS cost per pupil for all towns. Fayette Town Manager Robinson stated the initiative is seeking legislation to do this and asking new members to contribute $5 per pupil towards the campaign.

# Chair Wolf responded that as part of the Boothbay-Boothbay Harbor Central School District, Fayette Town Manager Robinson would also have to talk to the Boothbay Select Board and CSD Boards so they could decide jointly if they would like to become members.

2. Boothbay Region Water District General Manager, Jon Ziegra, explained the increase in rates of the water district was due partly because they had waited longer than they should have to adjust rates to the current increased cost to operate. The last increase was in 2010. Going forward, Ziegra stated, the water district will make adjustments every three or four years instead.

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Manager Woodin pointed out that the increase to the town was exacerbated because the Water District's fiscal calendar begins on January 1 when the town's fiscal year begins on

July 1, causing the town to have a water hydrant bill for $80,000 more than what was budgeted.

ONGOING BUSINESS:

Chair Wolf stated since the last meeting the Select Board had obtained more information about the incident that had occurred on the Fish Pier last summer, which they would like to share. The incident prompted the Fullers, who own Harbor Bait, to request an amendment to the non-compete clause in their lease.

Manager Woodin added that the policies on open or public spaces at the Fish Pier date back to 1997 or earlier so should probably also be revisited.

Chuck Fuller had a more detailed letter about the incident to present to the Select Board.

Fuller pointed out one obstacle for people who aren't set up to unload bait at the Fish Pier is that they do not have the washed down equipment to clean up the blood and guts that spill on the pier during the process. (Eddie Tibbets had to wash down the mess that was left behind this time with his hose.) Fuller stated the pier was not strong enough for tractor trailer trucks in certain areas, if they were to drive down unchecked. Fuller concluded if other companies unloaded large amounts of bait at the Fish Pier it would shut Harbor Bait and Atlantic Edge down.

Chair Wolf read the amended non-compete clause out loud.

Selectman Tomko stated he would be in favor of the amended non-compete clause as long as the swapped parking spaces on the Fish Pier would still give people access to the public restrooms.

Chair Wolf **motioned** to approve the amended non-compete clause. Selectman Warren **seconded**. **Unanimous approval**.

[A copy of the amended non-compete clause is available upon demand.]

PUBLIC FORUM:

(None)

WARRANTS:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

(None)

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MOVE TO ADJOURN:

The meeting was **adjourned** at 8:12 p.m.

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