

Board of Selectmen

Dale Harmon- Chairman
Chuck Cunningham - Vice Chairman
Michael Tomacelli
Steven Lewis
Russell Pinkham

Town Manager

Daniel Bryer Jr.



**Town of Boothbay
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Wednesday, May 11, 2022
5:00 PM (special start time)
MINUTES**

Present: Dale Harmon, Steve Lewis, Chuck Cunningham, Russell Pinkham and Town Manager, Dan Bryer Jr.

5:00 Early start for joint meeting with the Boothbay Harbor Select Board regarding the Boothbay Region School Charter.

Present from BH Select Board: Denise Griffin, Michael Tomko, Tricia Warren, Kenneth Rayle, Alyssa Allen.

Discussion: There isn't a lot of time to put changes on the November ballot. The following basic timeline will have to be met:

The changes will have to be decided by July 1st, then it will have to go to an attorney for the wording of the referendum question. The final wording will have to be ready for ballot printing by September 1st.

With such a short timeframe, the concentration should be on the "low hanging fruit" for this voting cycle. The discussion should continue for the 2023 referendum to get into the nitty gritty of the charter.

There are a number of things that need to be changed due to the charter being simply out of date.

Top priorities at this time:

Changing the voting criteria for the school budget and school bonds to a town meeting referendum vote in hopes to give more of the taxpayers the opportunity to weigh in on the school budget and spending.

Change payment structure for towns to the school district.

The next meeting on the matter will be May 18, 2022 @ 5:00 PM.

The Board took a break from 5:30-6:00 PM.

Dale called Board of Selectmen's meeting to order at 6:00

Pledge of Allegiance

Maine Lobsterman's Association (MLA) & Lobster 207 (Maine Lobsterman's Union) funding request:

Mark Jones and Troy Plummer representing the MLA are here to talk about the ongoing battle with the federal government regarding the unjust Right Whale regulations being mandated for Maine Fisherman. The MLA sent letters to all historic coastal lobstering communities looking for financial support for the rising legal cost of this ongoing battle. They are hoping to raise 10 million dollars over a 10 year period. If the MLA is successful in their legal fight, it will benefit all fisherman not just members of the MLA. The MLA has set up a specific fund for the legal fees.

Mark Brewer, representing Lobster 207, is also asking for financial support for Lobster 207's efforts in fighting the Federal Government and the closure of prime federal water fishing grounds.

Steve Lewis asked why they weren't working together. Mark replied that they are each coming at it from a different angle.

The board wants both organizations to know that they fully support the local fishing industry and would like to donate something. Once June comes around they will have a better idea of what they may have available to contribute. The board urges both organizations to come before them as many non-profit entities do for funding and the request can be put on the ballot at a town meeting for voters to weigh in. This way they may be able to get a larger amount of money.

Municipal property use:

Chuck Cunningham made a motion to approve the municipal property use application. Steve Lewis seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0 in favor.

Steve Lewis made a motion to lift the moratorium on the use of town property. Chuck Cunningham seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0 in favor.

Welcome to new selectman:

Dale welcomed Russel Pinkham the newly elected board member. "We all look forward to working with you."

Public Hearings:

1. 727 Ocean Point LLC, DBA Smuggler's Cove Inn, Map U6 lot 11, located at 727 Ocean Point Rd, East Boothbay, Maine. Renewal of Liquor License (Class 1-A), Innkeepers License and Special Amusement License (Class A, B, C, & D).
Steve Lewis made a motion to approve the Smuggler's Cove Inn application. Chuck Cunningham seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0 in favor.
2. Boothbay Craft Brewery, Inc., applicants Edwin Mitchel Jr. & Lori Mitchell. Map R6 Lot 9 located at 301 Adams Pond Rd, Boothbay, Maine. Renewal of Restaurant Liquor License (Class I, II, III & IV).
Chuck Cunningham made a motion to approve the Boothbay Craft Brewery, Inc application. Steve Lewis seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0 in favor.
3. Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, Map R4 Lot 109, located at 132 Botanical Gardens Drive, Boothbay, Maine. Renewal of a seasonal Special Amusement Permit (Class C).
Chuck Cunningham made a motion to approve the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens application. Steve Lewis seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0 in favor.

Public Comment:

Dan Sortwell, Boothbay Farmer's Market – The market is starting Thursday May 19, 2022 and they are looking forward to a great and busy season.

Approve Minutes:

April 27, 2022; Chuck Cunningham made a motion to approve the April 27, 2022 meeting minutes as written. Steve Lewis seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0 in favor (Russell Pinkham is unable to vote as he was not a member at the time).

Reports: Dan Bryer

Clifford Park project has been awarded to Farley & Sons. They will be starting next week. Farley also does the gardens around The Common and round about so it's a good fit. There is no planned finish date. There should be recognition for Paul Coulombe's major financial contribution to the project.

Old Business: None**New Business:**

1. Code Officer appointment for Andrea Hodgdon.
Steve Lewis made a motion to approve the appointment of Andrea Hodgdon to Code Officer. Chuck Cunningham seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0 in favor.
2. Municipal Pole Permit - Giles Rd.
Steve Lewis made a motion to approve the Municipal Pole Permit. Chuck Cunningham seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0 in favor.
3. Annual appointment of select board chair and vice chair.
Steve Lewis made a motion to make Chuck Cunningham Chair of the select board. Russ Pinkham seconded the motion. Vote 3-0 in favor.
Steve Lewis made a motion to make Mike Tomacelli Vice Chair of the select board. Chuck Cunningham seconded the motion. Vote 4-0 in favor.

Public Comment: None

Review Warrants and Sign:

Chuck Cunningham made a motion to review and sign warrants. Steve Lewis seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0 in favor

Adjourn Meeting:

Steve Lewis made a motion at 6:45 PM to adjourn the meeting. Chuck Cunningham seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0 in favor.