

Board of Selectmen

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

Town Manager

Daniel Bryer Jr.



**Town of Boothbay
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Wednesday, July 13, 2022
6:00 PM
MINUTES**

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

Chuck called the meeting to order at 6:00

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Hearings: None

Public Comment: None

Approve Minutes: June 8, 2022

Chuck would like to have names corrected to first name only throughout the minutes (besides the attendance at the beginning).

Steve made a motion to approve the June 8, 2022 meeting minutes with name corrections. Dale seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0 in favor; Mike abstained from voting as he did not attend the June 8, 2022 meeting.

Reports:

Dan Bryer

Clifford Park is going well. Tonight, they will be finalizing the utility easement from Chapel St.

There continue to be issues with the Barter's Island bridge. When it opens they have issues getting it closed fully making it unsafe for cars to pass over it, including emergency vehicles, thus causing a safety issue. Dan has been working with Holly Stover and Coast Guard Chief Smart to figure out how to resolve the issue. Chief Smart will be recommending to the Maine DOT the bridge remains closed (meaning will not open for boats to pass through) until they have a solution to the closing issue.

Next week the community fridge and shed should arrive.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Shri Verrill – Community Resilience Partnership:** This is a program through the Governor's office for the implementation of priority climate adaption projects. There are 8 strategic areas of focus all to improve climate control. By joining this partnership, it would give up to \$50,000 per town to enroll in the program and start the process of implementation. If the town appoints Shri as the Service Provider she would get the town signed up for the program and be available for 12 months to assist with identifying funding for the determined priorities and write grants.
Shri is asking for a letter of support from the board that they would like her to become the Service Provider to the town for enrollment and implementation of this partnership as well as allowing Dan to work with her on the enrolment criteria.
Steve made a motion to sign the letter of support. Dale seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0 in favor.
- Municipal Appointments:** Steve made a motion to approve the municipal appointments as written. Mike seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

3. **Vote for warrant article regarding removal of fluoride from municipal water:** Steve made a motion to add the warrant to the November ballot. Dale seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0 in favor.
4. **Public Works Truck Replacement:** Steve made a motion to purchase the Dodge truck from Hight which is currently available and the best price. Dale seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

Public Comment:

Drew Peck, property owner with town conservation agreement at the mouth of Pleasant Cove, wanted to make the town aware of a new oyster farm in the Damariscotta River at the mouth of Pleasant Cove. Drew has concerns about navigation, ecosystem impact and the impact it may have on future conservation land agreements. There is a meeting at DMR regarding the approval of this farm on July 27, 2022 at 5:00PM. Drew is hoping the town will voice concerns to DMR regarding the above. Steve feels that the board can't voice these concerns without doing their own research and doesn't feel there is enough time before the meeting to gather adequate information. Also, the town has no jurisdiction over the water, the state has that. The board decided to write a letter to DMR asking them to delay their decision due to navigation concerns. Steve made a motion to send a delay request letter to DMR. Dale seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

Review Warrants and Sign:

Mike made a motion to review and sign warrants. Dale seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0 in favor

Adjourn Meeting:

Steve made a motion at 7:10 PM to adjourn the meeting. Dale seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0 in favor.