

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, August 24, 2022
6:00 PM
MINUTES**

Present: 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:

1. Carriage House Restaurant, Owner Kelly Farrin, applicant for renewal of liquor license, (restaurant class I, II, III, IV) Map U12 Lot 14 located at 388 Ocean Point Road, Boothbay Maine.
Steve made a motion to approve the restaurant class I, II, III, IV liquor license. Russ seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0 in favor.
2. Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, applicant for renewal of liquor license, (restaurant class I, II, III, IV) Map R04 Lot 109 located at 132 Botanical Gardens Drive, Boothbay Maine.
Steve made a motion to approve the restaurant class I, II, III, IV liquor license. Russ seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0 in favor.
3. DECKSZ LLC, dba Lobsterman's Wharf, applicant for renewal of liquor license, (restaurant class I, II, III, IV) Map U16 Lot 01 located at 224 Ocean Point Road, Boothbay Maine.
Steve made a motion to approve the restaurant class I, II, III, IV liquor license. Russ seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0 in favor.
4. Fluoridation warrant article: Open for public comment on the topic of public water supply fluoridation. Numerous members of the public (from Boothbay and Boothbay Harbor) stood and spoke about the safety concerns and side effects that are caused by adding Sodium Fluoride to the public water supply. Sodium Fluoride is a byproduct in the manufacturing of phosphate fertilizer and is imported from Japan and China. Japan and China as well as many other countries have stopped adding fluoride to their water based on medical studies and the reported side effects. It has been found the topical use of fluoride (toothpaste with fluoride) is the most beneficial to teeth and that ingested fluoride causes many side effects. All the people who stood to talk were against the use of water fluoridation and support it being removed from the public water supply.
There will be one more public hearing on the topic at the next Selectmen's meeting.
Dan says that the board has already voted to have it on the November ballot as has Southport and Boothbay Harbor. It is agreed that the wording is a bit confusing but, according to Christina Rogers (BBH resident), that is State Statute and the way it must be written.

Public Comment: None

Approve Minutes: May 25, 2022

May 25, 2022, meeting minutes are tabled due to no quorum for members who were in attendance for that meeting.

Reports:

Dan – Tomorrow (8/25/22) will begin the audit process for the end of our fiscal year. Dan met with a member of the Clifford Park Committee and they talked about things that are not part of this first big phase of the project. Dan hopes to set up a meeting with the Committee next Thursday to discuss what these things are that they still want and how they may raise the funds to accomplish these things including brainstorming agencies who may be willing to donate funding.

Old Business: None**New Business:**

Nell Tharp - Boothbay Aqua Ventus Benefits Package for the Community. There is a group that meets the first and third Thursday of Each month from 5:00 to 6:00PM and the YMCA. They have been talking with Aqua Ventus regarding a benefits package to benefit the local community. They have been working on a list of wants taking information from residents of Boothbay and Boothbay Harbor. Once the list is finalized Aqua Ventus will only accept letters of agreement from the prospective towns, Aqua Ventus will not work with a community group in terms of an agreement. Nell is asking for a board member or Dan to attend the meetings so Boothbay can be involved and ready for the letter of agreement.

Aqua Ventus has made it clear that if the windmill project does not move forward they will not be doing a community benefits package.

Public Comment: None**Review Warrants and Sign:**

Steve made a motion to review and sign warrants. Russ seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0 in favor

Adjourn Meeting:

Steve made a motion at 6:25 PM to adjourn the meeting. Russ seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0 in favor.