

Board of Selectmen

Chuck Cunningham - Chairman
Steven Lewis - Vice Chairman
Dale Harmon
Russell Pinkham
Julie Roberts

Town Manager

Daniel Bryer Jr.



**Town of Boothbay
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Wednesday, July 26, 2023
6:00 PM**

MINUTES

Recorded meetings located at <https://townhallstreams.com/towns/boothbay> for more in depth discussions.

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

Chuck called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Hearings: None

Public Comment: Jules Walkup the new MidCoast reporter for the Bangor Daily News introduced herself to the Board. The next three years she will be reporting for the Report for America Press Corporation, a lot of reporting is a public service. Report for America is making sure there is coverage in local places from Brunswick to Rockland.

Approve Minutes: None

Reports:

Dan – Tax bills have been sent out. They went up .75 cents on the mil rate. Dan told the Selectmen to send anyone with questions his way. Steve mentioned that it is broken down on the bill.

Most of the TIF work Dan had to do is done for the BDC and he will be sending to Jensen Baird to finalize. The money will be available when the project gets rolling on the Country Club Road. Dan announced Nicole Campbell will be starting in the Business Office on July 31st. She graduated from Boothbay Region High School and has good social skills. Bill from the Boothbay Register asked who she is replacing and Dan told him Sally Carroll has gone to work in Boothbay Harbor. Chuck mentions the article put in the paper by the Boothbay Region Development Corporation was very nice. They explained clearly what is going on and thanked many people for their help.

The Crocker family is having a dedication ceremony for the memorial bench and tree approved to be put at the playground in memory of Kimberly Crocker at the same time as their meeting. Dan mentioned to the family if they had known sooner they would have been there. The Crockers are very thankful they have been allowed to do that for Kimberly.

Russ asked when the BDC project will start. Dan said they are planning to start in the fall. The TIF will get the sewer and water run first. The Water District and the Boothbay Harbor Sewer District will be working together concurrently. With the purchase that has gone through they are looking to give the triangle that goes between the Beach Road, Country Club Road and Butler Road to the town. Dan would like to get the board to approve changing things to improve site lines. Trees would need to be taken down and a guard rail should be put in. It's one of the most problematic intersections we have.

Regarding the playground, Jim Barnes said there is nothing he can do to put the sunscreens over the dugout, but Dan wanted to go local first. Dan may talk to the American Legion to get help with getting a flag pole. The Boothbay Civic Association will pay for the sunscreens and put the bleachers out. Dan would like to eventually put a plaque to recognize all the organizations that gave.

Old Business: None

New Business:

The American Legion Post 36 Veteran's Banner Project:

Sue Burge from Boothbay and Jim Singer from Southport would like to get a banner program started in the region for our veterans. Chuck wanted to take a moment to thank Jim for all the work he puts into the Veteran broadcast on the local Boothbay Region Community Television station that airs on Veteran's Day and Memorial Day every year. He mentioned Jonne Trees has helped out a lot with that broadcast that they have done for 10 years. The banners for the veterans would go on the telephone poles so it wouldn't interfere with the graduate banners or anything else. Starting next year they would like to put the banners up in May and they would stay up until Veteran's Day. It would cost \$125.00 per banner and \$65.00 for the hardware. They hope to do a lot of fundraising and would love to be able to pay for the banners for those who can't afford them. They are requesting that the towns put the banners up and take them down each year. They have had an anonymous sponsor donate enough for ten banners. We have eight WWII Veterans in the region. They want to include the towns of Edgecomb, Southport and Boothbay Harbor as well. Jim pointed out that we have on average 50 veterans passing away each year in the region. 550 have passed away since 2010. Each town will have a representative to talk to, Sue Burge for Boothbay, Phil Chapman for Boothbay Harbor, Sara Sherman for Southport and Joe Morley for Edgecomb. They will have a simple form to fill out to produce the banners and it will stay confidential if any family needs help. They will be taking it back to WWII to present day. It would be for veterans who served in the Armed Forces or Merchant Marines from 1941 to present day. Steve asked what to do if you would like to donate to the program. If you want to make a donation the check would be made out to American Legion Post 36 and in the memo line you would write Veteran Banner Program. Julie offered for the Chamber of Commerce to help. They could help them come up with a QR code for visitors who would like to donate. They can set up a way to pay through Paypal very easily. The Chamber can help with getting the technology in place.

Old Business: None

Public Comment:

Tom Perkins – Budgetary Implications of the New School Building Proposal:

Tom let the Board know that we already have some of the highest cost per student in the State of Maine. Cost sharing is figured by looking at the enrollments by town so Boothbay is paying the brunt of it. If all the towns in the area voted to explore a Regional High School all the towns would pay their fair share. Tom thinks the Board should take a look at the numbers. The financial reality is taxes are going to sky rocket because of enrollment. The Superintendent has requested the Selectmen to become involved. Dan replied he has been given the ok to be involved with the committee. Julie believes it's good to be involved. The meetings are recorded and can be watched. Chuck said we should be talking to Wiscasset because our athletic teams are already combined so they can have teams. Julie wonders if sports enrollment is down because kids are interested in other things now. Russ thinks it's a good idea to look at other options. The school is 56% of our tax bill. Steve agrees because we don't want to price out our families and or our elderly.

New Business: Municipal Appointments:

Chuck lists all one year appointments.

Chuck lists all two year appointments.

Chuck moves to approve all appointments.

Dale seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

Review Warrants and Sign:

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

Public Comment:

Bill would like a list of the appointments. Dan had left it in his box. Dan announced that Dan Feeney the Code Enforcement Officer is working 24 hours per week, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. We are

still hoping to hire someone to help in the Code Office. Dan would like to get his LPI license again so he can be a backup if needed. He doesn't want to hold up the contractors. Dan mentioned it's getting harder and harder to get employees and it's the worst time of year to hire anyone.

Adjourn Meeting: Chuck made a motion at 6:33 PM to adjourn the meeting. Steve seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

Chuck made a motion to go into an executive session pursuant to IMRSA 4056E Regarding litigation pending or contemplated and the discussion of.

Russ seconded the motion, Vote: 5-0 in favor.

Yr. Appointed: 2023
Yr. Appt. Expires: 2024

CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT
(Title 30, M.R.S.A. Sec. 2253)
OFFICE of the BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MUNICIPALITY OF BOOTHBAY

We, as members of the Board of Selectmen of the Municipality of Boothbay, do, in accordance with the provisions of the laws of the State of Maine, hereby appoint the individuals named below as the listed title within and for the Municipality of Boothbay, such appointment to be effective retroactive from July 1, 2023 until June 30, 2023.

To Daniel G. Bryer Jr. of Boothbay in the County of Lincoln and the State of Maine: The office of Town Manager, Town Tax Collector, Town Treasurer, Health Officer, Right to Know Officer, Road Commissioner and Welfare Director.

To Michael S. Alley of Boothbay in the County of Lincoln and the State of Maine: The office of Public Works Foreman.

To Daniel Feeney of Freeport in the County of Cumberland and the State of Maine: The office of Code Enforcement, Local Plumbing Inspector and Addressing Officer.

To David W. Cody of Boothbay Harbor in the County of Lincoln and the State of Maine: The office of Emergency Management Director.

To Andrea D. Lowery of Boothbay in the County of Lincoln and the State of Maine: The office of Town Clerk.

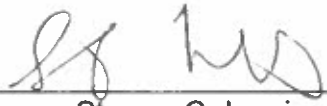
To John O' Donnell III of New Gloucester in the County of Cumberland and the State of Maine: The office of Assessor.

To Peter B. Ripley of Boothbay in the County of Lincoln and the State of Maine: The office of Harbormaster.

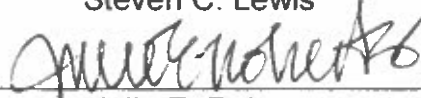
To David Pratt of Boothbay in the County of Lincoln and the State of Maine: The office of Fire Chief.

To Nicholas Upham of Boothbay Harbor in the County of Lincoln and the State of Maine: The office of Shellfish Warden.

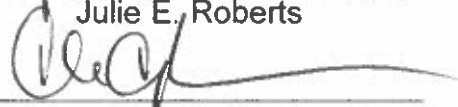
Given under our hands this 26th day of July, 2023.



Steven C. Lewis



Julie E. Roberts



Charles R. Cunningham, Chair



Dale C. Harmon



Russell E. Pinkham

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To Jeanne A. Fuller of Boothbay in the County of Lincoln and the State of Maine:
Board of Appeals Member.

To Robert Ham of Boothbay in the County of Lincoln and the State of Maine:
Planning Board Member.

To Margaret P. Kotin of Boothbay in the County of Lincoln and the State of Maine:
Planning Board Member.

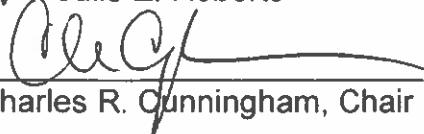
To Barry J. Gibson of Boothbay in the County of Lincoln and the State of Maine:
Member of the Port Committee.

To Winslow Russell, Jr. of Boothbay in the County of Lincoln and the State of Maine:
Member of the Port Committee.

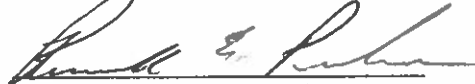
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