

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, August 09, 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:

PCG2 LLC as the Boothbay Harbor Country Club, Map/Lot: R07-002-B, 50 Sugar Maple Lane. A renewal of a restaurant liquor license class I, II, III and IV and an auxiliary license. Dan explains it is an extension due to the timing of the filing and meetings. He worked with the Bureau to get the extension. Taxes are paid and nothing is outstanding. Russell moves to approve the license renewal. Dale seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

PCG2 LLC, as the Boothbay Country Club Wellness Center, Map/Lot: R07-002-B, 40 White Birch Lane. A renewal of a restaurant liquor license, Class I, II, III & IV. This one is another extension. All taxes are paid and nothing is outstanding. Russell moves to approve the license renewal. Dale seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

They are two of the ones that were given long extensions by the State of Maine due to Covid.

Public Comment: None

Approve Minutes: None

Reports:

The signs Dan had put up over at the Clifford Playground at each entrance stating, "No dogs on the field inside the fence line" didn't work to keep people from letting their dogs into the fenced in area. When Public Works went to mow there was a lot of dog excrement on the field. They have decided to lock it, they did give the Little League the key so they can go in when they need to. Unfortunately because of irresponsible dog owners no one will be able to just go and play on the field without getting the key from the Town Office first. There is a discussion on coming up with a fine for anyone letting their dogs on the baseball field. Dan is also planning to put more cameras there as well.

Steve made a motion to implement a fine if you use the baseball field as a dog park. The fine will be \$250.00 for the first offense and \$500.00 for the second offense and they authorize more cameras to be installed. Dale seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

Dan asked if he has a budget shortfall if he can ask for money from the Selectmen's reserve.

Dan mentions he would use Darrell Gudroe to install the cameras instead of Digital Sky that was used before because Darrell's service is so fast.

One of the teachers at Boothbay Region High School reached out to Dan about getting a youth soccer program going. He wanted a place for storage so Dan gave him the key to the utility room for the soccer

balls. They are bringing their own nets. Dan and Tom Nickerson Have been discussing getting a shed and possibly fencing to go around it to make it harder for someone to vandalize it. Dan thinks a 10X10 would be big enough and he could probably get one for around four to five thousand dollars.

Dan said Farley put the breakaways in and the foul poles will be next. Steve mentioned we need to get someone to line the field.

There was a discussion on the fuel depot situation. It was impossible to get Portland Pump and Logically to work together. Dan is now able to interact with the system but he needs to reprogram the keys for everyone. Profiles are already up and it is more streamlined. It is all online as well so he doesn't need to use a phone line.

Old Business: None

New Business: Align Climate Capital and the Grey Penn Group are leasing land behind the Boothbay Railway Village and they questioned the fee the Town of Boothbay is charging them for their solar farm. Dan wants to discuss the fee schedule to see if they think it is fair. Per Chuck's request Dan got information on the way other towns handle solar farm fees. We seem to be right in the ballpark with most of them. It's hard to say with some towns if they are thinking residential solar panels or Commercial applications. 28.47 acres went through the Planning Board process and they had one condition of approval that was met with our town attorney. When it came to the building permit process the closest thing we had on our fee schedule was for a commercial building at 30 cents per square foot. Dan Feeney put together an estimate of \$39,204.00. Steve brought up we are looking to put more housing in this area and we are not looking to put solar farms all over town. He mentioned we need a moratorium on commercial solar so the Planning Board can look into them more. Steve makes a motion to put a moratorium on commercial solar farms and requests that the Planning Board look at putting ordinances in place to address them. Dale seconded the motion. They amend it to say commercial solar farms. Chuck makes the motion to approve as amended. Vote: 5-0 in favor. The motion goes into effect immediately.

Public Comment: Bill from the Boothbay Register asked a few questions regarding the solar farm and about the youth soccer program.

Review Warrants and Sign:

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

Adjourn Meeting: Chuck made a motion at 6:30 PM to adjourn the meeting. Dale seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0 in favor.