

**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, November 09, 2022  
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 and Town Manager, Dan Bryer Jr.

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Public Hearings: None**

**Public Comment: None**

**Approve Minutes: None**

Steve made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 12, 2022 Meeting. Dale seconded.  
Vote: 3-0 in favor.

**Reports:**

Dan – There was a big turnout for the Midterm Elections last night. 1,191 people so that makes it one of the top 10 elections we have had. The staff did a great job keeping things moving smoothly. Paving on Hardwick Road and Pension Ridge Road is completed except for the shoulder work. The Public Works has started decorating around the Common for the Christmas season. Dan thanked Wayne Closson and Susan Whitehouse for cleaning up the area around the Town Office before the Midterms. It was all donated time.

Dawn Gilbert is looking to put the boats on the Common again and maybe a lobster trap tree. Project Graduation will be selling food on four Saturdays during the Lights-A- Glow to raise money. They will have a grill and crock pots. Steve would like to see the Common used again. Chuck mentioned he read that the shuttle will be picking people up for the Botanical Gardens at the Harbor Municipal Parking Lot and thinks it would be good to make sure it will be stopping at our parking lot as well. It would defeat the whole purpose of the Project Graduation kids being there to raise money if no one is stopping.

**Old Business:**

None.

**New Business:**

**The Off Shore Wind Community Benefits Group:**

Nell Tharpe, an East Boothbay resident is speaking for the group. Nell shows a picture of Farnham's Point where the cable will run from the Aquaventus Project onto land in East Boothbay and from there down to the substation at the end of Route 96. The group was started due to concerns about the project and the route it was going to take. They had meetings with Aquaventus at the YMCA to include both Boothbay and Boothbay Harbor. They began to discuss a Community Benefits Package. An agreement of how to spend funding, (possibly up to one million dollars) from the program on one or more health and

safety related projects. The agreement is contingent upon the Aquaventus Project going forward. They have three outreach tools, a postcard to send to everyone on the corridor, a QR code to access a survey and a detailed list of community benefit project ideas. Some of the ideas listed are sewer expansion, school improvements, a bike path and possibly crosswalks in the East Boothbay Village. Some projects in the works could be funded as long as it fits under the criteria they have given. Nell will be meeting with Boothbay Harbor as well. The projects could be something the two towns do together. Dale thinks the towns could benefit greatly from this. There is probably state help available towards the costs as well through grants. Steve mentions that they will have to blast the road already so that would get us halfway to putting a bike path around Ocean Point. If anyone has questions they can email them at [boothbaycommunitybenefits@gmail.com](mailto:boothbaycommunitybenefits@gmail.com). The North East Aquaventus has representatives at the monthly meetings at the YMCA on the first and third Thursdays of each month. Everyone is welcome in person or via Zoom.

**Shri Verrill – Sunrise Ecologic:**

Shri is present to let the board know about a potential grant opportunity. It is funding up to \$200,000.00 to help implement the Marine Coastal Working Group strategies (which was part of the Maine Climate Council) to potentially partner with an ongoing pilot project with GRI, US Harbors and civic partners to collect tide data. The data would be used to apply for NOAA funds for infrastructure replacements or for potentially raising roads and bridges. Wildcat Creek, Shore Road and the Mill Pond Road are all in the flood plan. The grant title is "The Funding for Maine Coastal Marine Climate Action" through the Broad Reach Fund.

Her company, Sunrise Ecologic was granted the service provider grant to work with the towns of Boothbay, Boothbay Harbor, Wiscasset and Southport to enroll the towns into the Community Resilience Project.

Shri asked for permission from the board to work with Dan on putting together a grant application and the project to include with the application. Her fee is \$120.00 per hour and she would not exceed 40 hours. Chuck asked why Boothbay would want to put money into a state bridge like the Wildcat Creek Bridge and he believes Boothbay shouldn't pay to fix or raise state property. There was a discussion on other things that could be done. The board gives permission for Shri to work with Dan, no motion was made.

**Boothbay Region Development Corporation:**

Erin Cooperrider is present with Steve Malcolm and Gregory Parmaloy to present an update to the board. They are asking each town in the Joint Economic Development Plan to write a letter of support to Lincoln County for allocation of their upper funds. They are working with the Boothbay Region Water District and the Boothbay Harbor Sewer District to figure out a budget. They have begun raising private dollars for grant applications. They have identified a grant opportunity through the Maine State Housing Authority, the Community Solutions Grant.

They are asking for \$500,000.00 which is the maximum amount and the town has to do the application. They have done the legwork to put together an infrastructure extension. Their target is 162 units of housing for sale and for rent in a range of socioeconomic value. The infrastructure TIF that exists would extend it down the road to the property on the Butler Road. They are looking for the ability to apply for TIF funds. The landowner offered to include land for the Sewer District because they may need a substation there.

The board amended the wording in the TIF to include the type of project in the TIF. An approval vote was not required because the application will come from the town. The total cost will be 2.5 million for the water and sewer project. There are lots of grants available to help with the cost. The Boothbay Region Development Corporation is a Maine 501C nonprofit registered with the State of Maine and the federal government. They haven't filed their first 990 yet because they haven't been together for a year. They do have one bank that has agreed to give them a construction loan.

**Old Business: None**

**Public Comment: None**

**Review Warrants and Sign:**

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

**Adjourn Meeting:**

Chuck made a motion at 6:56 PM to adjourn the meeting. Steve seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0 in favor.