

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, January 11, 2023
6:00 PM**

MINUTES

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Present: Chuck Cunningham, Steve Lewis, Dale Harmon, Russell Pinkham 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

Reports: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

School Charter and Act to Repeal and Replace – The School Board, School Trustees, Town of Boothbay Harbor and the Town of Boothbay have been working for about three months to repeal and replace the School Charter. The old charter was written up in 1953 or 1954, there is a lot of old verbiage and things both towns wanted to identify and put into it. Monday night the Boothbay Harbor Board of Selectmen voted to adopt and Tuesday night the Board of Trustees for the school district voted to adopt. Chuck asked if their concerns and everything they wanted to be added were addressed. Dan explained all of the things that could be added have been added, state statutes wouldn't allow everything to be added. Steve made a motion to approve the repeal and replace of the verbiage for the School Charter and to have Dan provide all the necessary paperwork to the legislature for the approval as well. Dale seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0 in favor.

Preliminary Budget - Dan has been working on the budget for a while and right now they are looking at a 6.78% increase which is the largest Dan has had since he has been here. With the addition of the pavilion, restrooms and cleaning up of the Common we are in need of another person to work under Dan to focus on those areas. That has caused the biggest increase. Plus fuel, water and electricity are all going up and Dan needs to account for the new bathrooms and sprinkler systems at Clifford Park. Chuck asked if TIF money could be used to help cover the cost but Dan has checked and the only things they could use TIF funds for would be broadband or walking trails. Dale suggested any fees we get for the use of the pavilion or fields go into an account to help maintain the equipment and to get new foam. Dan said we do have two really large bags of foam if needed. They will need to decide on fees at some point.

There is a discussion on Outside Organizations. They want new applicants or any that have a large increase to present to the board at the next meeting.

Personnel Policy – A couple of things need to be added. Earned time and the new federal holiday Juneteenth. Steve believes they should take away the half day during the Windjammer Days Festival and replace it with Juneteenth. There is a discussion on fairness with snow days and plowing time. Steve makes a motion to amend the Personnel Policy with the changes Sally Daggett recommended as well as remove the half day for Windjammers Day from the holiday leave section, adding Juneteenth and to send the updated policy to the employees. Dale seconded. Vote: 4-0 in favor.

Public Comment: Steve asked Dan if he had sent in the letter of support for Fidium. Dan has it all ready to go but needs to know where to send it.

Review Warrants and Sign:

Chuck made a motion to review the warrants and sign them upon review. Russ seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0 in favor

Adjourn Meeting: Chuck made a motion at 6:27 PM to adjourn the meeting. Steve seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0 in favor.