

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, September 27, 2023
6:00 PM**

MINUTES

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

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance**Public Hearings:**

To adopt and sign the new MMA General Assistance Ordinance and Appendices A-D & H for the period of October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024 in compliance with MRSA section 43054. This happens annually, they take data from previous years and make changes that need to be approved. This comes down from the State and they have worked out the numbers with the County. Chuck stated how low the numbers are to qualify for help, a single person household has to make below \$1,004.00 a month. That is hardly anything. Luckily we have the BRCRC to fill the gap.

Steve made the motion to approve the new MMA General Assistance Ordinance and Appendices.

Russ seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0 in favor.

Public Comment:

Mike Thompson and Lucian Laurie from the Planning Board are present to discuss some changes the Board requested on the new Solar Ordinance they created. They want to ensure that homeowners are allowed to put solar panels on their property for residential use. There is a discussion regarding the changes they have made. Steve lets them know he is very impressed that they were able to get something together so quickly. This is only the first draft and more changes will probably be made but they are hoping to have it go to vote at the May Town Meeting. They will work on the final draft for their approval and then have the town lawyer look it over.

Approve Minutes:

Approval of Minutes for December 14, 2022 and January 11, 2023. Steve made the motion to approve. Russ seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0 in favor.

Reports:

The majority of the road work on Pension Ridge is done. Dan is very impressed with the job done. Hats off to Crooker and the Public Works crew. Dan went to the first meeting with Select Boards and AOS. It was via Zoom and very informative. It sounds like there is going to be a big exchange of information between the towns. Wiscasset's Superintendent was there and one of their School Board Members. It was mentioned that we already do sports together and it sounds like we are the only ones that do Adult

Ed in the region. Dan said at one point 27 people were present and he felt it was a productive meeting. The public didn't get a chance to speak last night but he thinks they will be able to at future meetings. They are discussing sub committees and Dan will be working with Peggy Splaine. Dan will be keeping an eye on it.

Steve asked about the Country Club Road Project to run the water and sewer up to the Butler Road. Since it is a town road he wondered if Mike Alley would be overseeing the digging. Dan said no. They will need someone on site for 40 hours a week. The town will be paying for an agent from Sebago to be there. The cost will be included in the project costs. October 25th will be the Pre-Bid Meeting He will get the bid documents for the contractors to come and take a look at and some to purchase if they would like. November 6th will be when they want the bid documents to come in. It will be sealed bids and they will be opened in the office with a couple of witnesses. The contractors can be present. Dan and Sebago will make a recommendation to the Board during the meeting on November 8th.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Public Comment: None

Review Warrants and Sign:

Steve made a motion to review the warrants and sign them upon review. Russ seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0 in favor

Adjourn:

Steve made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Russ seconded the motion. 3-0 in favor.