

**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, October 11, 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:**

Boothbay Playhouse Events, LLC. Applicants Sara & John Berkeley, Map R05, Lot 10-A, located at 275 Wiscasset Road, Boothbay, Maine for a new Self-Sponsored Events Liquor License (Qualified Caterers Only). Dan states it is a new application for a classic spot in town. Taxes are paid and there are no open notices of violations. Dale made a motion to approve the Self-Sponsored Events liquor License (Qualified Caterers Only) for the Boothbay Playhouse Events, LLC. Steve seconded the motion. Chuck abstained from voting because he lives near the Playhouse. Vote: 4-0 in favor.

Boothbay Craft Brewery Inc. Applicants Edwin Jr. & Lori Mitchell, Map R06, Lot 009, located at 301 Adams Pond Rd, Boothbay, Maine for renewal of a Restaurant Liquor license (Class I, II, III, IV). No unpaid taxes or notices of violations. Dale motions to approve the renewal of a Restaurant Liquor License (Class I, II, III, IV) for the Boothbay Craft Brewery, Inc. Julie seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

**Public Comment:**

Tom Perkins from Boothbay Harbor has updated enrollment numbers he has handed that he shared with the Boothbay Harbor Select Board last night. The numbers show that it is not financially sensible for Boothbay and Boothbay Harbor, on their own, to build and maintain new buildings at the end of a peninsula. The data shows Boothbay will always be paying the bulk of those costs going forward. That could potentially be over 80 million dollars. That is in addition to annual school budget increases. He wants to make sure that all of the information gets out so people can make an informed decision on November 7<sup>th</sup>. Steve asked how it works if one town votes it down. Dan thinks we would need both towns in agreement to pass but he will double check on that.

Pam Reed from Boothbay asked if at the meetings they ever discuss more than just the 80 million dollar project? Dan said they have discussed repairs at the cost of around 40 million. There was a discussion about tuition and changing legislature to have other towns pay more. Dan stressed that our Board is taking this very seriously because of the cost and how it will affect the elderly residents who are living on Social Security. Steve said at the meeting they had with Superintendent Kaler they asked a lot of questions, he was very knowledgeable and pleasant to deal with. Julie said he has offered to be available for any questions. The Zoom meeting that Julie attended had hardly any people in the meeting and no interaction from the community. She urges people to attend those meetings if they have questions. Pam asked what type of tax increase we would see if it passes. Dan said you can count on an increase of between 31 and 40 percent.

**Minutes:** No minutes to approve.

**Reports:**

Absentee Ballots opened up this week. Anyone can come in if they know they can't make it on November 7<sup>th</sup> and vote for the School and State anytime during the business day. Julie asked if Dan could explain the timeline of when you can get ballots and when to have them in by. Dan was not sure but would have that information for the next meeting. Steve said he did hear on the news they need to be in by the closing of the polls on Election Day.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

Postponed to next meeting.

**CMP Pole Permit:**

Pole permit for West Side Road also known as West Barter's Island Road. The information is in the packet, it's just a support pole to continue another line for a residence.

Russ motions to approve, Dale seconded. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Review Warrants and Sign:**

Chuck makes the motion to review the warrants and sign them upon review. Dale motions, Russ seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0 in favor

Chuck makes the motion to adjourn the meeting. Dale motions, Russ seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0 in favor.