

Board of Selectmen

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Michael Tomacelli
Steven Lewis
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Town Manager

Daniel Bryer Jr.



**Town of Boothbay
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Wednesday, February 9, 2022
6:00 PM (special start time)
MINUTES**

Present: Steven Lewis, Chuck Cunningham, Mike Tomacelli, and Town Manager, Dan Bryer Jr.

Pledge of Allegiance

6:00 Early Start Time to Discuss the Use of the Common:

Dan Bryer: suggests that if there is going to be an event on the Common that lasts longer than 3 days or is going to be charging an admission fee then the application needs to come before the Board of Selectmen for approval. Anything 3 days or shorter and no admission fee Dan would be able to approve application for use of Common. The Board likes this idea.

Some community members are in attendance with suggestions, questions, support and concerns. The most heard concern is fees, who should be charged and how much. The general discussion has most in agreement that for profit events need to be charged a fee and that fee needs to be paid to and kept by the town for maintenance of the Common and payment of any utilities used. Some feel the fee should be a flat rate and others feel it should be a percent of the profit or ticket sales. Nonprofits were also discussed and if there should be a fee for them.

The Board has asked Dan to do some research with other towns to see how they handle their public lands that may house events, both for profit and nonprofit.

There is also public concern about the look of the events on the common and the cleanup timeframe after the events. The board feels these things can be discussed and handled on a case-by-case basis for the longer for profit events when they go before The Board for approval.

The Board would like to reconvene on this topic at the February 23, 2022 meeting with the additional info Dan is going to gather from other towns.

Public Hearings: Municipal Warrant and Budget Drafts:

On the budget there was a change made on the medical insurance for town employees which dropped the increase from 1.93% to 1.65%.

On the warrant there is an update: the new watershed overlay map should be added in as item #34.

The Board would like to have anyone with increased monetary requests to come before them. This only includes three entities: Cemetery District, Boothbay Region Ambulance Service and The Health Center. The Board has asked Dan to reach out to the Red Cross and the Boothbay Region Community Band as they normally ask for funds but to date, no requests have been received from them.

Chuck Cunningham asked about the status of our salt/sand piles. Dan said we are in good shape.

Public Comment: None

Approve Minutes: January 12, 2022 & January 26, 2022:

Steve Lewis made a motion to approve the January 12, 2022 and the January 26, 2022, meeting minutes as written. Mike Tomacelli seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0 in favor.

Reports:**Dan Bryer –**

Public works have been working hard and doing a great job on the roads these past couple of storms.

Spectrum has presented their initial proposal and it looks good. They came down some on their pricing and have an aggressive timeframe for the symmetrical service to be up and running.

Steve Lewis asked Dan to reach out to Consolidated to see if they are interested in presenting a service plan to the town.

Old Business: None**New Business: Outside Organization Requests:** Discussed above

Use of the Common: February 23, 2022 meeting will start again at 6:00 to further discuss the moratorium and how to proceed.

Public Comment: None**Review Warrants and Sign:**

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

Adjourn Meeting:

Steve Lewis made a motion at 7:03 PM to adjourn the meeting and Mike Tomacelli seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0 in favor.