

Board of Selectmen

Dale Harmon- Chairman
Chuck Cunningham - Vice Chairman
Michael Tomacelli
Steven Lewis
Desiree Scorgia

Town Manager

Daniel Bryer Jr.



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

Present: Dale Harmon, Steve Lewis, Chuck Cunningham, Mike Tomacelli, Desiree Scorgia and Town Manager, Dan Bryer Jr.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chuck Cunningham would like to acknowledge Arthur Reed who recently passed away. Arthur served on The Board for years and was a big help to Chuck when he first joined the board. Chuck would like to extend his condolences to Arthur's family on behalf of himself and the Town. There is a moment of silence in recognition of Arthur and his service.

Desiree Scorgia recuses herself from the discussion regarding the Common due to a conflict of interest.

6:00 Early Start Time to Continue Discussion on the Use of the Common:

It is decided that the new application will include the following locations: Boothbay Common, Clifford Park, Shipbuilders Park and Knickercaene.

Mike Tomacelli refers to the Brunswick application – it asks for anticipated visitors per day, parking needs, traffic control and indicates the number of days to clean up after the event. Should the Boothbay application limit visitors per day? Boothbay needs to know about music, noise levels and times of operation. A sketch of the event should be required including, but not limited to, portable toilets, tents temporary structures and food truck locations. We need to have proof of liability set at a specific amount of coverage. We need to decide on deposit fees including how much and the amount that is refundable.

Dale Harmon thinks the duration of the event should be the whole time the Common is occupied including set up and take down.

Steve Lewis would like wording in the new contract that allows for the Selectman to charge a fee for utilities used. Steve also likes the idea of having the town run the Winter Festival. Then any complaints would be directed at the Selectman and not an individual. He doesn't think any individual should have to take the direct complaints like what happened winter 2021. The idea would be to hire someone to run it for the town with specific instructions on the makeup and activities of the event.

Dale doesn't like the idea of the town running the event. He feels it would add undue work and stress for town employees during off hours.

Dan Bryer has a suggestion that the application include the specific activities and operations of the event, if the event veers from what they applied for they will be required to seek reapproval or have the event shut down.

Desiree Scorgia, as a member of the public, stands voicing concerns that Lester Spear has taken the brunt of the startup cost and pains. If the town hires or allows someone else to do the event, then Lester will be prohibited to benefit from his hard work. She doesn't feel that is fair.

Other members of the public stand and voice suggestions for the application, including reviewing the Comprehensive plan ensuring the activities allowed follow the Towns Comprehensive vision and liability to the town.

Dale wants to ensure this application will be able to cover all events. One document with all criteria, restrictions and guidelines for the Towns vision of its properties. If you can meet the criteria of the

application, then you are able to use the property. If you don't meet the criteria, then you are not able to use the property.

Desiree Scorgia rejoins the board at this time.

Public Hearings: None

Public Comment: None

Approve Minutes: None

Reports: Dan Bryer

There will be an Appeals Board meeting for a Department of Environmental Protection appeal of a Planning Board decision from January 19, 2022 regarding Map/Lot R05/67-3.

If the gas tax is dropped we will have to watch what we do for road repairs because the funding we get from the state Local Road Assistance Program (LRAP) will be reduced because they are not gathering funds.

An executive session has been scheduled for March 16, 2022 at 6:30 with the town lawyer. Three Board members say this date and time will not work for them. Dan will reschedule the meeting.

Old Business: None

New Business: Discussion – November Fluoride Warrant Article:

Christina Rogers from Boothbay Harbor and the Fluoride Opposition Coalition (FOC) formally requests that the question of town water fluoridation be put on the November ballot.

Steve Lewis makes a motion that the fluoridation of Town Water be put on the November 2022 ballot. Chuck Cunningham seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

Town Property Use Application Development: March 23, 2022 meeting will start at 6:00 to further discuss the application for the use of town property.

Public Comment:

Bill Pearson Boothbay Register: How is the discussion going with Spectrum regarding broadband service? When does the board plan on making a decision?

Dan Bryer: The discussion is ongoing. We have received the proposed contract but there is more information and review required for the board to make a decision.

Review Warrants and Sign:

Chuck Cunningham made a motion to review and sign warrants. Mike Tomacelli seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0 in favor

Adjourn Meeting:

Chuck Cunningham made a motion at 6:34 PM to adjourn the meeting. Mike Tomacelli seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0 in favor.