

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, April 13, 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

Annual Municipal Audit:

Dale asked if anyone had any objections to moving the Audit to the first on the agenda as Fred Brewer (Town accountant/auditor) has a distance to travel. Hearing no objections Fred took the podium to talk about the municipal audit.

Fred goes over the numbers and feels the town is in a good spot. The indicated Capital Reserve is misleading because of the delay in the new firetruck the town has purchased.

Steve – I believe I have heard that having 3 months' worth of bills in reserve is best practices. Roughly what is the town's monthly bills?

Dan – roughly \$2.3- 2.4 million.

Steve – I hope there won't be much if any increase in taxes to the residents.

Dan doesn't see that there will be much if any increase in property taxes. Ethically the town should start to use some of the capital reserve to make repairs to town roads or other town items that need repairs or upgrades.

Steve – "This is a good indication that the Board made the right decision when they hired Dan. Since I have been in this seat the town has never looked so good".

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

Dan has supplied a draft application for the use of Town property (The Common, Knickerbocker, Clifford Park, Knickerbocker Access).

The Board members love to see the Common used and they all want to get this application finalized so more people can use the Common. Currently the Common is open to the historical uses such as, the farmer's market, the weekend craft fairs and the BCA 4th of July celebration.

Mike – feels the application Dan has written up is quite complete but has a few updates to recommend. Such as adding cell phone and email contacts of applicant and responsible parties. Opening up the cleanup days so it can be addressed on a case-by-case basis.

Steve – doesn't want to make things such as alcohol a definite no. He would like to have those things come before the board for discussion and possible approval.

Desiree – Standards need to be set for the Board when reviewing any of these exceptions.

Steve – Maybe the application should have a list of what the Town Manager can approve and what needs to go before the Board.

Lester Spear, Public Comment – Feels the historic uses are important to the Common. He asks about the possibility of adding Hemp to the possible list for Board review. Lester would really like to see a mission statement so he and everyone else understands the idea and vision of the uses for the Common.

The 4/27/22 meeting will start at 6:00 to discuss the amended application.

Public Hearings: None

Public Comment:

John Ziegler, Boothbay Region Water District (BRWD) – John would like to thank the Town of Boothbay for the great working relationship they have with the water district. The paving of Gaecklin Road was a joint effort and went well. It is a great improvement in helping protect the Knickerbocker Lake water shed.

The Water District has an upcoming project currently in design to run year-round water up Route 96. This is a \$4.2M project. They are hoping to break ground next year. The project will be an upgrade for both Boothbay and Boothbay Harbor residents, as well as improved fire flow for both fire departments.

They are also working on improving the Adam's Pond treatment plant filter wastewater recycling. They hope to reduce the amount of wastewater sent to the Boothbay Harbor Sewer District (BHSD) by 10%, allowing for the BHSD to expand service due to the reduced waste from the BRWD.

The process of turning on seasonal water is well under way.

Approve Minutes: February 23, 2022; Steve Lewis abstained from voting as he was not present at that meeting. Chuck Cunningham made a motion to approve the February 23, 2022 meeting minutes. Mike Tomacelli seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0 in favor

Reports: Dan Bryer

The Town Report has been finalized; we are waiting for the proof. Andrea Lowery has put a lot of time and effort into the Report, which looks great. Dan would like to recognize her for her efforts in putting it together.

Bid documents are being put together for the Clifford Park project. We already have the federal funding, we are just waiting on the engineering and architectural work.

On 4/14/22 Dan has a meeting with a representative from Consolidated for an updated presentation.

Old Business: None**New Business:**

School Charter Discussion: Denise Griffin and Mike Tomko, representing the Boothbay Harbor Select Board, ask the Boothbay Select Board if they would go to workshops with them regarding the Boothbay Region School Charter.

Steve asks if they should invite the new Superintendent to the workshop.

They can invite anyone. The new Superintendent may have interesting input since he has worked for other school districts.

Both Steve and Dale think the two towns should meet annually anyway.

Troy Lewis, Boothbay Region School Trustee – Troy thinks this is a great time to discuss the charter as it was 1950 when the charter was done, and all other community schools in the state use the state laws and do not have a charter. Boothbay Region is the only school left with a charter. Troy would like to have a representative or two from the school trustees and the school board so they can lay out the struggles they are facing.

Steve doesn't want to make it tough to make any progress with too many people in one place.

A date and time for the workshop will be scheduled between the two town managers.

Municipal Election Worker Appointments: Steve Lewis made a motion to approve the election worker appointments. Mike Tomacelli seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

Wharf & Weir – Chuck Cunningham made a motion to approve the wharf & weir application of Russell Jeppeson: 617 Ocean Point Rd, East Boothbay. Mike Tomacelli seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

Town Manager evaluation next meeting requested by Steve Lewis.

Public Comment: None**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:

Steve Lewis made a motion at 7:07 PM to adjourn the meeting. Mike Tomacelli seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0 in favor.