

Board of Selectmen

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Kristina Ford
Michael Tomacelli
Desiree Scorgia

Town Manager

Daniel Bryer Jr.



**Town of Boothbay
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Wednesday, February 12, 2020
7:00 PM
MINUTES**

Present: Dale Harmon, Michael Tomacelli, Desiree Scorgia, Kristina Ford, Town Manager Dan Bryer

Pledge of Allegiance

Dale Harmon asked that we hold a moment of silence for all the members of the community that we have lost recently.

Public Hearing:

Proposed Ordinance Revision

Sam Morris, Chairman of the Planning Board Committee, opened the public hearing. Members of the Planning Board present included Robbie Ham, Dimsie McBride, Bill Wright, and Peggy Kotin. Consultant Mark Eyerman was also present and has been part of the process for the past seven years. Mr. Morris thanked all of the members of the board for the numerous hours put in on this ordinance revision.

Kristina Ford commented that she has not read a copy of the draft that is being presented. A copy of the proposed ordinance is available on the town website for the public to view.

Jason Anthony began by commenting on section 2 definitions. The first suggestion included the definition for appellate Appeals to join *de novo* Review. Mr. Anthony also commented on the definition of visual buffers, he is still unaware of the standards for the measuring the effectiveness of the buffer and how would you define "adequate". Kristina Ford suggested including the purpose and function of the buffer. Mr. Anthony also made comment on Section 5.3.6.5 giving notice to abutters and neighbors. He requested the town to consider giving notice to abutters in the pre-application stage for large projects. Dale Harmon stated that it is suggested but not required by the town to do a pre-application.

Kristina Ford made a motion for the Planning Board to provide a letter of transmittal, which would highlight major changes impacting the proposed ordinances, Mike Tomacelli seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0 in favor

Jean Reese-Gibson from East Boothbay commented that there was not enough notice for public hearings. The work of the planning board needs to be shared and appreciated.

Planning Board will hold a workshop on February 18th for the proposed summary letter.

Dan Bryer stated that there would be two opportunities for the document to be submitted, May or June.

The February 26, 2020 Public Hearing will be on the same draft.

Public Comment:

Approve Minutes: Mike Tomacelli made a motion to approve the January 22, 2020 meeting minutes with the following amendments: change “succumb” to “succumbed”, the design rubric will include “and a specific location within the common,” under new business regarding the budget draft add “although that is not a sufficient amount for the paving needs,” strike “get our feet wet” and add “to improve the community without overextending ourselves,” include “Mike Alley to discuss further to issuing bonds for improvement” and make the correction “Kristina said she would not run again” and Desiree Scorcio seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0 in favor.

Reports:

Code Office: 4 building permits, 1 planning board applicant, 1 shoreland vegetation removal permits, and 1 demolition permit.

Planning Board: Application review for subdivision amendment.

Public Works: Working on truck equipment and repairs, trash removal as well as plowing and sanding. The public works needed to work on Murray Hill for drainage. They are also working on removal of Christmas lights on the common and picnic table repairs.

Town office is busy with tax payments.

Old Business:

1) Mike Alley was not available tonight. He was able to discuss with Dan a better mixture for side roads. He is currently putting together a list of roads in need for the Board of Selectman.

2) Adam Harkins presented the water sample monitoring at CMBG along with Jan. They are currently working with Maine DEP and have come up with a storm monitoring plan that is now up and going. The new system is a continuous automated sampling of flow. A third party is now involved and the results are far superior. It is a two-year commitment with DEP with a start date of January 2020.

Sue Mello from Boothbay Region Water District made comment that the system is fantastic. One thing to consider is that these systems disintegrate over time.

Desiree Scorcia wanted to know the life expectancy of the machine. Adam stated that this depends on the upkeep of the machine.

3) Boothbay Region Veterans Memorial Committee was not present to comment, but Dan had some further information from the packet including the dimensional requirement not to exceed 16 feet by 17 feet. Kristina pointed out the following correction to be made “died by *exposure* to disease while in service.”

4) Currently looking at a 4.58% increase of draft budget due in part to the increase in the paving budget. Dan was able to remove \$1000 from Code Enforcement office for travel and training. It is requested that anyone with an increase or a new addition to the budget will be invited to the next meeting. The board will also accept letters explaining the reasoning for the increase.

New Business:

Draft Warrants: Within article 8 change “capitol” to “capital”, remove phrase “up to” from article 24. Dan did receive new watershed overlay district map that will be included for approval. Dan also suggested looking further into TIF money for walking trails within the next fiscal year.

Public Comment:

Why was the new watershed overlay map done? Topography can change from year to year.

Review Warrants and sign: Kristina Ford made a motion to review the warrants and sign them and Mike Tomacelli seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0 in favor.

Adjourn meeting: At 8:52 Kristina Ford made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mike Tomacelli seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0 in favor.