

Board of Selectmen

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**Town of Boothbay
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Wednesday, February 26, 2020
7:00 PM
MINUTES**

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Hearing:

Proposed Ordinance Revision

A two-page summary was received from the Planning Board. Kristina Ford was appreciative of the letter. Sam Morris, Chairman of the Planning Board, read the overview letter of the proposed ordinance. The letter is available for the public on the Town of Boothbay website.

Jean Reese-Gibson from East Boothbay commented on the ground water protection, specifically on the ability of residents to test well water reliably. Mrs. Reese-Gibson provided a model of the ordinance that she would like to board to include. The Maine State Planning Office, the Maine Department of Environmental Protection and the Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments prepared a groundwater technical assistance bulletin. She would like a particular submittal requirement to go as followed “a list of all petroleum products, hazardous materials and hazardous waste which are regulated by federal or state government agencies and which will be handled onsite whether used, stored, transported or transferred. The list will contain the name of the agency which regulates the hazardous materials, the volume of each handled, a statement on how it will be used and a brief synopsis of how it is regulated.” Jean Reese-Gibson hopes that the board will include this requirement in their ordinance. This would be part of submission requirements for projects that go in front of the planning board for site plan review. The neighbors will be aware of any contaminants that could be in the groundwater in order to provide reliable testing of the water.

Mary Kostigan, attorney for the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, was available for questions on a letter that was submitted earlier today. It is in reference to section 7.5.18. Mike Tomacelli commented that they were in support of the Water District’s recommendations. The change submitted for review would be to clarify that CMBG is covered by the Consent Decree in the watershed overlay section. A recommendation is to

have Sally Daggett, the town attorney, to be available for questions and comments before going further.

Jason Anthony spoke but is aware that this will probably be going to Sally Daggett for review. Jason commented on his letter that was submitted. His concern is that there is allowed use with the Consent Decree and this could create potential conflict between the Consent Decree and the ordinance in the future.

Mark Eyerman commented that technically the issue of Sue Mello's email's suggested revisions to address the proposal from CMBG was not introduced into the record of the public hearing.

Draft Warrant

Within the warrant there is money to fund the JEDC but a provision was made to move that money forward. That money is there and available so we did not have to raise it. The draft warrant is also available on the Town of Boothbay website. The selectmen have had the warrant to review. There is TIF money available for cleanup to the roundabout area for landscaping. A spot is also being held at this time if the board decided to add maps or ordinances.

Draft Budget

There is an increase of 4.58%. The budget includes paving budget increase of \$10,00. There are also three step raises of employees this year that increased the salary. Irrigation money was also added into building and grounds.

Steve Lewis ended public hearings.

Public Comment:

Approve Minutes: Dale Harmon made a motion to approve the February 12, 2020 meeting minutes with the following amendments: change "January" to "February" on page 2 and correct "Scortia" Kristina Ford seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0 in favor.

Reports:

Code Office: 6 building permits, 1 shoreland building permit, 4 internal plumbing permits, 1 subsurface wastewater, 1 shoreland vegetation removal permit.

Public Works: Working on truck equipment and repairs, trash removal as well as plowing, sanding and storm preparation and cleanup.

Business Office: Staying busy with veto referendum and presidential primary. They were inundated at the beginning of the week with absentee ballots.

A pandemic plan has been sent out and we should think about adopting in the next few meetings.

RFP with some surrounding towns for the LED replacement—Dan suggested an article be placed in the warrant.

Old Business:

1) Mike Alley presented tonight on behalf of Public Works to talk about the paving ideas for the town. Mike provided a list to Dan of some of the needs. King Philips and Samoset still need to be done as well as Paradise Point. Currently Hardwick Road and Pension Ridge Road are at the top of the list also. Currently for an overlay it is around \$100,00 per mile. Kristina Ford learned from the Maine Climate Council that one of the recommendations is encouraging when roads are redone to do it really well. Money spent on the roads would be something that benefits the community that lives here. Mike would rather know how much money is available and make a list of roads from there than make a list of roads and figure out the price.

2) 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 and that is not the base, but the total area. There are two areas on the southwest corner of the common for the memorial.

3) Outside Organization funding requests:

- Cemetery District has increase of \$1000 this year. This will cover contracted members going up. There have been several improvements including a new road going into Evergreen. They are in the process of developing the back section of Evergreen. Currently there are eleven cemeteries within the three towns with nine being in Boothbay.
- Boothbay Harbor Memorial Library: Joanna Breen presented on behalf of the library. There is an = increase of \$1500 this year. Currently they employ 3 full time employees and 1 part time employee. Steve Lewis made a comment that the compensation needs to be up to what the employees deserve. Next year they will be looking into an increased budget with justification. He also added that the library is such an asset to the community.
- Boothbay Region Ambulance Service: (Steve Lewis disclosed that he was a member) Robbie Ham presented on behalf of the Boothbay Region Ambulance Service. The Boothbay subsidy has increased from \$268,693 to \$295,652. All three towns have a 10.06% increase. There are currently three full time employees and only two are provided with health insurance. There is a new policy offered by Medicare that does not cover ambulance transport. There was a midyear adjustment in the payroll in

order to keep employees. Some ambulances have been changed to gasoline that has helped with maintenance.

- Boothbay Region Community Band: Diane Randlett presented in behalf of the community band that has requested \$1000 to pay for a stipend for the Band Director and to host RB Hall Day. This year they will also be hosting R.B. Hall day at the Boothbay Railway Museum on June 27, 2020.
- Community Center: Sandra Blake Leonard presented on the budget increase this year due to the fact for the need of a full time employee. Space has been added as well as programs such as a free medical distribution. Just from the Town of Boothbay there have been 4,000 visits this year.
- Harbor Theatre: Hamilton Merserve presented and is asking for \$1,000.50 from all three towns. The most valuable asset is the \$70,000 projector. The budget request equals the rental of three films and the Harbor Theater would like to provide 9 free films on Saturday mornings this year.
- LifeFlight : Tom Judge was present to provide information and answer any questions for the request of \$780. It is a statewide service. This service takes care of everyone regardless of insurance. The average charge is \$16,000.
- Spectrum Generations: Shawn Lewin spoke on behalf of Spectrum Generations. They are asking for \$1415 for funding. This organization is caregiving support for the elderly population. They also provide educational services.

New Business:

Kristina Ford commented on Steve Lewis's video on the transfer station was amazing and full of information. She thinks it would be useful to put the video and "Household Recycling at a Glance" on the town website.

Public Comment:

Review Warrants and sign: Kristina Ford made a motion to review the warrants and sign them and Dale Harmon seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

Adjourn meeting: At 9:28 Dale Harmon made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Kristina Ford seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0 in favor.