

Board of Selectmen

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**Town of Boothbay
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Wednesday, July 10, 2019
7:00 PM
MINUTES**

Present: Dale Harmon, Michael Tomacelli, Desiree Scorgia, Kristina Ford, Town Manager Dan Bryer and Secretary Sherry Tibbetts

Pledge of Allegiance:

Public Hearing: 1. Special Amusement Permit re: Noise permit application. Applicant is Boothbay Harbor Country Club located at 50 Sugar Maple Lane.

Dan Bryer reported there are no outstanding notices of violation, the taxes have been paid and this is the third year of asking for this permit and there have been no problems. This would be an anniversary celebration on July 20th with fireworks. Mike Tomacelli made a motion to approve this application as presented and Desiree Scorgia seconded the motion. Vote: 40- in favor.

Public Comment: Paula Arsenault spoke on behalf of the Knickerbocker Lake Association, she invited the board to their annual meeting at the Harbor Theater on July 30th from 3-5:30PM. She said they would be having two excellent speakers to talk about the critical nature of the water supply. Ms. Arsenault said Adams Pond and Knickerbocker Lake are both showing signs of distress and this should be of concern to everyone in the region.

Approve Minutes: none available

Reports:

Town Office Reports – Dan Bryer reported that the PWD crew were busy with ditch work, mowing and garbage removal, The Business Office has been busy with the annual audit and the CEO has been busy with a large number of various types of permits including two for the Planning Board next month. Mr. Bryer showed on a map where the new housing is located and said the map would be kept updated.

BOS Action Items –

MDOT Park and Ride Facility – Dan Bryer said all of the striping has now been done and the seams have been evened out. This project is now complete and will be removed from the agenda.

Potential grant for electric vehicle charging station – Dan Bryer said he has been contacted by CMP and there is still interest in the project and he has gotten much input. He is now trying to get someone more knowledgeable who can answer questions to come and speak with the board.

Pending BOS Action Items –

Housing group – The housing group has met and is looking to put together a group and is moving along.

New Business: Landscape Committee re: the Common project – Linda Redman said the Garden Club has made a donation to plant in the small area by Bet's that did not get planted. Ms. Redman said the committee invited all of the groups who use the common to come to their meetings so they could get their input. They have come up with a plan for the common and the best time to implement the plan would be in the fall. CMBG will donate four new trees to be installed to maintain the tree line and an anonymous donor has come forward to pay for the whole landscape plan.

Susan Whitehouse talked about the details of that plan,, professionally pruning and mulching the trees, a "pitch plot", new catch basins, irrigation, curbing all the way around the common with 2 cuts for drive in entry and a walk-in entry, new sod and work around the gazebo. Farley would be the contractor for the project as they are both skilled and familiar with the setting. The starting date is sometime in September and will take approximately 4 weeks to complete. The town will be required to provide the water supply and back flow as well as update the electric and do yearly maintenance. There would also be a cement pad installed on the south end for barbeque, the pad will be painted green to blend in. The committee asked Mr. Coloumbe about relocating the bottle bin to his property and he is willing to have the bin located near the restrooms.

Sue Mello asked questions about the catch basins and where the water would be directed.

Paula Arsenault talked about designating a place for art.

Dale Harmon asked what would a year's maintenance might cost and was told approximately \$5,000.

Tom Nickerson talked about tent stakes and trying to prevent them from being driven into the underground irrigation pipes.

A representative from the Farmer's Market said he would like to see the project delayed until after they are through for the year. Linda Redman & Susan Whitehouse said that would be too late to start the project but they are discussing other ways to help, if there was another location they Market could use for their last few days, the committee could help with publicity, redirecting people to alternate locations, etc. They want to work with the Market.

Lori Mitchell asked about treating the bugs etc. and was told that all products used would be organic and not harmful to pets or children.

Cody Mitchell asked if the Common would still be able to be used for winter activities as he is interested in such events and was told yes it would still be possible.

Dan Bryer said in his opinion the common is underused and he would like to see more activities happen there.

Kristina Ford made a motion to accept the plan as presented and Mike Tomacelli seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0 in favor.

Old Business: Broadband discussion – Kristina Ford said she recently attended a Boothbay Harbor Selectmen's meeting to talk about Tom Mayotte's presentation. Ms. Ford also talked about reviewing information from the grant application, previous talks with other people and a conference she had attended. She talked about a Portland Press Herald article and a recent hot spot demonstration. Ms. Ford said she felt the board needed to create an RFP and the best person to write that would be the person who wrote the report (Tom Mayotte). Ms. Ford said she felt the report from Mr. Mayotte was light on education. Ms. Ford feels now that part of the job of a Broadband committee would be to work on education, what is needed and how to use the technology.

Mike Tomacelli said he was not sure that Mr. Mayette would be the best person to write the RFP. He would like to see what other information is available, he would be particularly interested in hearing from Brian Lipphold from the James W. Sewall Company – they are a Broadband/Technology Consulting

Service. Mr. Lipphold replaced Mike Edgecomb whom the board heard from a few years ago. Mr. Tomacelli said this group is in the business of trying to help towns and he feels that the board should hear from more than one person before moving ahead. It was agreed that it cannot hurt to have more information and Dan Bryer will see if he can get Mr. Lipphold to come to a meeting as soon as possible.

Public Comment: None

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

Adjourn meeting: AT 8:05PM Mike Tomacelli made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Desiree Scorgia seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0 in favor.