

Board of Selectmen

Charles R. Cunningham - Chairman
Steven Lewis – Vice Chairman
Dale Harmon
Kristina Ford
Michael Tomacelli

Town Manager

Daniel Bryer Jr.



**Town of Boothbay
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Wednesday, July 11, 2018
7:00 PM
MINUTES**

Present: Steven Lewis, Dale Harmon, Michael Tomacelli, Chuck Cunningham, Kristina Ford, Town Manager Dan Bryer and Secretary Sherry Tibbetts

Pledge of Allegiance:

Public Hearing: None scheduled

Public Comment: Tom Nickerson complained about the way the monument looks, he feels it has looked bad all season so far and needs to be fixed immediately. He feels it is disrespectful to those the monument stands for. Dan Bryer said it was seeded but a lot of it did not take because it is the wrong time of year. The Selectmen discussed waiting for Sargent to do the “punch list items” or the town doing it themselves. They also discussed putting sod versus seed. Dan Bryer said since there has been problems there in the past with grubs, he would like to get someone with more knowledge on this to advice how to proceed before doing anything. The Selectmen thanked Mr. Nickerson for bringing it to their attention and plan to fix the problem as soon as they can.

Approve Minutes: The 3rd line from the bottom on page 1 of the 06/27/18 meeting should be changed to read Kristina Ford would like to keep all the items on the report and will work on a way to do this to keep track of items but not waste time on ones that do not need to be discussed.

Steve Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes of 06/27/18 with the above correction and Dale Harmon seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0 in favor. Charles Cunningham did not vote as he did not attend that meeting.

Reports:

Town Office Reports –

The Code Enforcement Office is still very busy with a variety of permits. The number of sub-surface waste water permits has risen, there are more septic systems going in, hopefully this means there will be less Over Board Discharge systems. New technology is allowing them to be replaced.

Alan Bellows is stepping down from the Planning Board and the rest of the board is relatively new and they are going through some training by reviewing old applications and learning what questions to ask and what to look for. They have already been to MMA training and will be given all the training they may need. Sam Morris will step up to chair the group, although he is new to this board he has served on the State Planning Board and as chair of a planning board in another Maine town.

Public Works Department is busy replacing signs that have gone missing or have been damaged. They are also mowing, trimming and working on the shoulders.

The Business Office is busy with the year-end audit as well as many registrations and moorings. Fred Brewer will be in the office on Tuesday to work on the audit.

BOS Action Items –

The landscaping is well underway around Rt. 27 and Corey Lane, anyone interested in seeing the schematic may stop into the office and we will assist them.

The Clifford Playground equipment has been ordered and we will be replacing swing sets, spring mounted toddler rides, a tire swing, new jungle gym handles, and a new log roll. The equipment was shipped on the 9th and should arrive any day now. The Public Works will take a day and put up all of the new equipment. Peter and Karen Gray, grandson of Harrold Clifford has made a nice donation to the Park. Sue Mello is helping Dan Bryer apply for a Land & Water grant to use to improve Clifford Park. This would be matching funds and it is possible to get up \$300,000. There will be an ad in the paper the next two weeks asking for candidates to the Clifford Park Committee.

The Umaine Aqua Ventus project (wind turbine) is still in the process of conducting core samples and are being reviewed by the Maine Public Utilities Commission. Dan Bryer said they have the core samples now but no numbers are available.

I am awaiting notice from MDOT in regard to the park and ride grant bid process. I expect information in the next few days. Dan Bryer plans to use the engineer for the project to help address water run-off and how to deal with it.

The revaluation project is near completion and other than a few properties that need to be finalized most of the public hearings are happening this week, however our assessors are available on Wednesdays as well during normal business hours. Dan Bryer said there has been a lot of property movement which has allowed the assessors to get good hard data to work with. The Selectmen said they have not really had a lot of feedback from residents. This was not done so the Town could collect extra revenue, there will be no extra revenue. If valuations go up then the mil rate goes down and if the valuations go down, then the mil rate goes up. The same amount of money is generated. The goal was to make it equitable to tax payers. It was suggested to have the assessor in to a meeting soon to explain details to everyone.

The Sheriff's substation is slowly coming along, their computer is in place, and a lock box will be placed outside for their use so everyone will not have to have their own key. Dan Bryer said he has been holding off on this as he has had the assessor using the office a lot to hold private consultations with tax payers.

Pending BOS Action Items –

The broadband initiative is still in the discussion phase with the JEDC, however preliminary work for location of existing infrastructure has been done with the local providers.

The housing group is continuing to discuss availability of land or subdivisions near municipal water and sewer for the analysis of affordable, workforce, and elder housing options.

Old Business: Annual Chair and Vice Chair positions – Kristina Ford made a motion for Chuck Cunningham to serve another year as Chair and Steve Lewis to serve another year as Vice Chair and Dale Harmon seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

Discussion re: Meeting date for Camoin report discussion – Steve Lewis suggested the meeting take place at 6PM prior to the next regular scheduled meeting of the Board (7/25/18). Dan Bryer said that would allow him to advertise the meeting for one week in the newspaper. There was a discussion about advertising meetings and the number of ads necessary. Steve Lewis suggested the workshop be listed on the BOS agenda – workshop at 6PM and meeting at 7PM.

New Business: Release deeds- Steve Lewis made a motion to sign release deeds for two properties, (1) Map/lot U18/030 and (2) map/lot R05/064 and Dale Harmon seconded the motion. The taxes are now current on both of these properties. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

Public Comment: Bill Pearson asked what qualities the Board looks for in a new Planning Board member and the board replied that mostly the person just has to be a Boothbay resident and willing. The Town can train them if they do not have experience.

Kristina Ford talked about the information given by Bob Faunce at the last meeting. She said she has read all of the information that Mr. Faunce forwarded to Dan Bryer and it is a nice piece of work with a lot of good information. The biggest question is what can a person who feels vulnerable do?

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

Executive Session: At 8:15PM Steve Lewis made a motion to go into Executive Session (1MRSA 405 (6) (a) Personnel discussion and not to return to regular session and Dale Harmon seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

Adjourn meeting: