

Board of Selectmen

Steven Lewis – Chairman
Dale Harmon – Vice Chairman
Michael Tomacelli
Desiree Scorgia
Charles Cunningham

Town Manager

Daniel Bryer Jr.



**Town of Boothbay
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Wednesday, July 22, 2020
7:00 PM
MINUTES**

Present: Steve Lewis, Dale Harmon, Michael Tomacelli, Desiree Scorgia, Charles Cunningham, and Town Manager Dan Bryer

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Hearing:

Dale Harmon made a motion to approve the noise permit application from the Boothbay Harbor Country Club, 50 Sugar Maple Lane, Boothbay, ME regarding fireworks from 8:45-9:30 on July 25, 2020. Charles Cunningham seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0 in favor.

Steve Lewis welcomed back Charles “Chuck” Cunningham to the Board of Selectmen.

Public Comment:

Why is July 25th the date? Not sure.

Approve Minutes: tabled until next meeting

Reports:

Business Office: Dan Bryer wanted to recognize the excellent work the business office did for the annual town meeting. They handled it flawlessly considering the unusual circumstances that we are in. 948 residents came out to vote and there were almost 700 absentee ballots this year. Dan would also like to thank Dale for volunteering his time.

Dan Bryer added that the agreement with Affinity Lighting for the LED street lamps is close to being finalized. The process will probably get started in the next few weeks for the conversion. Chief Spofford would like to have a light added near Barter’s Island Road and there will be some lights that will not be needed anymore. Southport has also given approval at this time to use Affinity Lighting.

New Business:

1) Discussion re: Casco Bay Advisors (Broadband)

Brian Lippold, president of Casco Bay Advisors, provided a report to the Board of Selectmen. He presented an overview of his findings. The beginning of the report includes a discussion of the various internet access technologies. The process began by talking with the existing providers: Charter Spectrum, Consolidated Communications and LCI and asking for their infrastructure. LCI was the only one that provided this information and Charter Spectrum did provide an 8 ½ by 11-inch pdf map that was really not enough detail to access the issue. The gathering of data also included driving every roadway and long driveway in the community and documented all the fiber that was in place for Consolidated Communications. The information is then input in the GIS system and went through a process of measuring length of road segments and counting all of the potential subscribers. It is not an exact science but the method is the most accurate process. Within Boothbay there is 8 miles of roadway that doesn't have cable service, about 141 potential subscribers. To deploy fiber in the homes of Boothbay and Boothbay Harbor, Boothbay is looking at a cost of \$6 million dollars.

Recommendations include redefining vision and goals now that the information is provided and figure out what the town really wants to accomplish. It is also recommended to share the report with all the providers.

Mike Tomacelli did have a concern regarding Connect Me Maine funding due to the fact that this area is not underserved. Mr. Lippold assured that there are areas that would be considered "unserved" so therefore would be eligible for funding.

2) Municipal Appointments

Charles Cunningham made a motion to appoint Daniel G. Bryer Jr. to the office of Town Manager, Town Tax Collector, Town Treasurer, Health Officer, Right to Know Officer, Road Commissioner and Welfare Director, Michael S. Alley as the Public Works Foreman, Hillary Barrett as the Addressing Officer, David W. Cote as the Emergency Management Director, Jason Lorraine as Code Enforcement Officer and Local Plumbing Inspector, Andrea D. Lowery as Town Clerk, John O'Donnell III as the Assessor, Peter B. Ripley as Harbor Master Richard R. Spofford as the Fire Chief, and Nicholas Upham as the Shellfish Warden and seconded by Dale Harmon. Vote 5-0 in favor.

Michael Tomacelli made a motion to continue with Steve Lewis as Chair and Dale Harmon as Vice Chair of the Board of Selectmen and Charles Cunningham seconded the motion. Vote 5-0 in favor.

3) Zoning Ordinance Rewrite

Sally Daggett provided a list of recommendations on July 6, 2020. Looking at timeline for meeting November Ballot is getting smaller. Dan mentioned to consider a warrant on a written ballot as long as it's a single warrant item. We are at 8 years already from the beginning of the rewrite. The unknown at the moment is DEP. Mr. Tomacelli would like to

see us move forward with the town to vote on the ordinance with Ms. Daggett's corrections. Any changes the DEP might have can be rolled in and voted on at a later time if we don't have it before November. Mr. Tomacelli added the sooner we can get this approved the better the position we will be in. If we go with the one warrant article on the handwritten ballot we will have until October 2nd to complete changes. The Board is allowing Dan to do a conference call with Sam Morris and Mark Eyeran. Dan suggested having a joint public meeting with Planning Board.

4) Administrative Code Committee

Steve Lewis suggested including a Planning Board Member, a member of the Board of Selectmen, and an office staff member as a part of the committee to look into updating the administrative codes.

Public Comment:

Review Warrants and sign: Dale Harmon made a motion to review the warrants and sign them and Charles Cunningham seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0 in favor.

Adjourn meeting: At 8;15 Dale Harmon made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mike Tomacelli seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0 in favor.