

Board of Selectmen

Steven Lewis – Chairman
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Kristina Ford
Michael Tomacelli
Desiree Scorgia

Town Manager

Daniel Bryer Jr.



**Town of Boothbay
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Wednesday, June 12, 2019
7:00 PM
MINUTES**

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

Pledge of Allegiance:

Public Hearing: (1) Steve & Susan Plaustainer, dba Five Gables Inn, Map R-15, lot 30, located at 107 Murray Hill Road, East Boothbay, Maine for renewal of an Innkeeper's license. Dan Bryer said the taxes are paid and there are no outstanding issues with this application. Dale Harmon made a motion to approve this application and Mike Tomacelli seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

(2) Dover Used Car Parts, Phillip & Annette Main, owners, Map R2 Lots 24A & 24B, located at 76 Dover Cross Road, Boothbay, ME for renewal of Auto Graveyard/Junkyard permit. Dan Bryer said the taxes are paid, there are no outstanding issues with this application and the fence is still up. Dale Harmon made a motion to approve this application and Mike Tomacelli seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

(3) 1820 House Restaurant, Inc. (formerly Smuggler's Cove Inn), Map U06 Lot 11, located at 727 Ocean Point Road, East Boothbay, ME for renewal of liquor licenses (Class I,II,III,IV). Dan Bryer reported that there were no outstanding issues with this application and all taxes have been paid. Dale Harmon made a motion to approve this application and Kristina Ford seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

Public Comment: None

Approve Minutes: None were available for approval

Reports:

Town Office Reports – Dan Bryer reported that the Code Enforcement Office is real busy, there are many various types of permits pending. There are three applications to go before the Planning Board and there is one application for the Board of Appeals.

The Public Works staff has been busy replacing signs, mowing and doing paving prep for the Fire Station. All the paving at the Fire Station has now been done. The Public Works crew has also been busy doing gravel road repairs.

The Business Office is getting ready to send out 120 lien notifications.

BOS Action Items – Kristina Ford spoke about the Umaine Aqua Ventus project which is an action item that has been dormant for quite some time. She has questions and suggested Dan Bryer write a letter and see if he can find some answers. The board would like to know if the tests were done, what were the results and where is this project at?

Pending BOS Action Items – Dan Bryer reported that there was good news on the housing project, a purchase and sale agreement has been signed. A board will be formed for the non-profit that will be handling all the aspects of this project. Dan Bryer said as soon as things are up and running he will back out of this group. Kristina Ford said Dan Bryer has done a good job on this project working towards doing something that the Community needs.

Old Business: Broadband Discussion – Kristina Ford announced there has been a significant development on this topic. Ms. Ford said it has been discovered that TIF money can be used for this which means the group can move ahead and know they have money to pay for what they want to do. There was a decision about a talk by Mike Edgecomb back in 2017. Kristina Ford has also spoken with Brian Lipphold who has taken over Mike Edgecomb's position. Kristina Ford proposed the board use the information from Tom Mayette's report and get providers to take the next step, she would like to create an RFP asking providers to come forward and tell the board what they can offer the town and how they suggest to move forward.

Cody Mitchell talked about a bill passed in the legislature and he provided the selectmen a handout showing a template for franchise agreements. There was a discussion and some questions and answers on this presentation.

Win Mitchell said he attended a meeting a couple of years ago and received a lot of good information. He said he was enlightened as to just how much leverage the town has. Mr. Mitchell suggested not spending TIF money but instead work on a new franchise agreement with the cable company.

There was a discussion around Fiber vs. Cable, the cost, speed and availability.

Kristina Ford suggested a joint meeting with Boothbay Harbor to listen to a presentation about hot spots. She said she would like to hear options, and do a RFP and not just latch onto the first presentation that sounds good. Dan Bryer will try to set up a presentation with LCI about Hot spots for Tuesday June 25th or Thursday June 27th at 6:30 with both boards Boothbay and Boothbay Harbor.

New Business: Appointments – Dan Bryer supplied the selectmen with a list of appointees that need to be reappointed and said all of them except the Animal Control Officers have agreed to be reappointed. Kristina Ford made a motion to appoint everyone on the list with the exception of the Animal Control Officers and Dale Harmon seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

Kristina Ford made a motion to ask Lincoln County to serve as Boothbay's Animal Control Officer and Dale Harmon seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

Public Comment: Win Mitchell said he had seen that the town was looking into an electric vehicle charging station and said he has four of them and that he does not charge for them.

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 8:05PM Kristina Ford made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mike Tomacelli seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0 in favor.