

Board of Selectmen

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Kristina Ford
Michael Tomacelli

Town Manager

Daniel Bryer Jr.



**Town of Boothbay
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Wednesday, June 13, 2018
7:00 PM
MINUTES**

Present: 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: Kristina Ford talked about signs around the Region people had put up congratulating graduating seniors and she wanted to Congratulate three seniors with ties to the Boothbay Board of Selectmen, Kayla Lewis daughter of Selectmen Steve Lewis, Brooke Harmon daughter of Selectmen Dale Harmon and Graham Bryer son of Town Manager Dan Bryer and the whole class of 2018.

Approve Minutes: Kristina Ford suggested on change to the minutes of 05/23/2018 on page one under reports (change to read "while surface paving is being done"). Dale Harmon made a motion to approve the minutes of 05/23/2018 with the suggested change and Mike Tomacelli seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0 in favor. Kristina Ford abstained from the vote as she did not attend that meeting.

Reports: Dan Bryer said the Business Office is very busy, registrations are increasing, plus they put in a long day yesterday with the elections. They are currently processing liens.

The Public Works is doing their late spring, early summer tasks of filling pot holes, aprons, etc.

The Code Enforcement office is very busy with many various permits. The Planning Board has three applications to hear this month.

The Town will be posting a construction schedule for the Rt. 27 corridor project and it will be posted to the website upon completion of the schedule and it will be updated daily with any changes.

The subsurface paving will be under way either June 18th & 19th or the 19th and 20th. We expect longer delays during this period as there is very specific temperatures and guidelines that must be followed, we advise that anyone use the back roads during this time, if needed directions are posted on the town's website. More signage will be placed in the appropriate places to show alternate routes and Chuck Cunningham suggested detour signs as well.

The landscaping is well underway around Rt. 27 and Corey Lane, anyone interested in seeing the schematic map may stop into the office and we will assist them. The Blue Spruce placed in the center of the round-about was too small, it has been removed and will be replaced with a larger one.

The Clifford Park 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. This is being funded by a donation from Alan Baldwin.

The Umaine Aqua Ventus project (wind turbines) is still in the process of conducting core samples and are being reviewed by the Maine Public Utilities Commission. The PUC put the brakes on this project yesterday. Dan Bryer said the group is going to try and get a special permit.

Dan Bryer has met with MDOT regarding the park and ride grant and construction is expected to begin later this year, maybe early fall. The bid process is currently being coordinated.

Old Business: None scheduled

New Business:

Discussion re: Selectmen's JEDC priorities from the Camoin report - Each Town's board was being asked to come up with their three top priorities.

Kristina Ford expressed her concern over the last meeting of the JEDC not being televised. She said she was speaking for the whole Boothbay BOS and they feel that everything that it is possible to televise should be done. People on committees need to be willing to talk even if a meeting is being televised.

Dale Harmon said these are public meetings done with public funds and should be done in public. People need to be willing to talk on TV, plus there is a representative from the Boothbay Register at every meeting.

Wendy Wolfe said she also believes in being transparent but some of the people on this committee are not elected officials and have not been trained in the right to know law, she felt it was important to train the members on this law.

Chuck Cunningham said he feels the top priorities are water& sewer, high speed internet/broadband and year round housing.

Wendy Wolf and Andy Hamlet said after talking with Lincoln County Regional Planning it is important to define two or three regional priorities and then the top priorities from each town. The Boothbay Selectmen and the Boothbay Harbor Selectmen each need to meet separately and rank their top priorities which will be taken to Lincoln County Regional Planning Commission and then they will need a joint meeting with both boards to discuss.

Frank Fasset said this is to be done in steps and they want to remove any ambiguity. This is step one.

Discussion re: rebuilding the Clifford Park Committee – Dan Bryer said he is working with legal to find a way to see if any TIF funds could be used towards improving the park. Mr. Bryer said there are some people interested in being on this committee and he would like to pursue putting together a new committee, some of the people who were on the previous committee are no longer here. The members would fill out an application and be appointed. The board agreed this was a good idea.

Vote for Special Town Meeting – The town is over budget on legal and CEO costs this year. There is money in the undesignated funds which can be used to pay for this but a special town meeting has to be held and get the voters' approval to use these funds. No money would need to be raised to pay these, the money would just need to be moved from one fund to another. The legal budget is approximately \$63,000 over and the CEO budget is approximately \$30,000 over. As this is the end of the fiscal year, this town meeting has to take place this month and there has to be a two week notice in the papers.

Kristina Ford made a motion to hold a special town meeting at 6:00PM on June 27th, 2018 followed by the regular Selectmen's meeting and Dale Harmon seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0 in favor.

Comp Plan review committee – Dan Bryer has met with Nell Tharpe and there are three people willing to be part of the Comp Plan review committee, they will follow up on items in the plan to make sure it is being followed and will report to the Board of Selectmen. The exact verbiage of the committee

description has to be nailed down and will be on the agenda at the next meeting. The three members are Nell Tharpe, Joe Paolillo and Sue Mello.

Public Comment: Robert Angel said he is new to the area and we are facing many of the same problems here as in Naples, Florida. He is concerned about the round-about and plowing and suggested putting in poles now to mark the edge of the road. He also talked about housing and the need to buy land now as it isn't going to get any cheaper. He thought housing was a big issue and wished the Selectmen good luck with it.

Nell Tharpe talked about the need for a new cross walk by the East Boothbay Store and if not a cross walk, maybe mirrors or flashing lights. Dan Bryer said he has already talked to Public Works about putting in a new cross walk, since it is a State road, when the town puts in a cross walk they also accept the liability. Dan Bryer said flashing lights is a possibility but he would have to talk with MDOT and work with them on that.

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

Adjourn meeting: Kristian Ford made a motion at 8:21PM to adjourn the meeting and Mike Tomacelli seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0 in favor.