

**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, March 11, 2020  
7:00 PM  
MINUTES**

**Present:** Steve Lewis, Dale Harmon, Michael Tomacelli, Desiree Scorgia, Kristina Ford, Town Manager Dan Bryer

**Pledge of Allegiance****Public Hearing:**

Steve Lewis opened the public hearing.

***Proposed Warrant/Proposed Budget***

Dan provided the Board of Selectmen with two options for the proposed warrant. The second option included taking from undesignated funds for LED replacement. Kristina Ford made a suggestion to vote of the warrant that included 34 articles with the remaining members of the board in agreement. Steve Lewis did see the community band request was \$1,000 not \$1,500 with an immediate savings of \$500 to the proposed warrant. Kristina Ford did comment that all the requests for 2021 did seem reasonable. Steve Lewis questioned the town funding a movie theater. Kristina stated that it performs a great public service. Desiree Scorgia added that we could put this in the voter's hands. With the current budget it is a 4.84% increase. Desiree also questioned the \$10,000 request for fireworks.

Jason Anthony representing family from Gaeklin Road thought there was one more public hearing on the Proposed Ordinance. During this time it will not make May town meeting. Lester Spear also commented during the public hearing that he has a few things to talk about and would like the opportunity to discuss in another public hearing on the Proposed Ordinance Revision.

Steve Lewis ended the public hearing.

**Public Comment:**

## **Approve Minutes:**

Kristina Ford made a motion to approve the February 26, 2020 meeting minutes with the following amendments: change “10,000” to “100,000” and “1,000” to “10,000” Dale Harmon seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

## **Reports:**

Code Office: 4 building permits, 1 shoreland building permit, 3 internal plumbing permits, 2 subsurface permits, and 2 shoreland vegetation removal permits

Planning Board: 1 applicant for site development amendment

Public Works: float maintenance, trash removal, patching with cold patch, and sanding

Business Office: The office just went through the democratic forum. Andrea Lowery did an outstanding job in her new position as Town Clerk. Sally Carroll has been hired for the business office—many positive comments have been made about the new hire.

## **Old Business:**

1) *Boothbay Region Veteran’s Memorial Committee*: tabled until next meeting.

2) *Proposed Ordinance Review*

Dan started by saying that there will be substantial change either through Sally Daggett’s review or through the DEP. If there is a substantial change we will need to go back to Public Hearing. Dan is looking for direction from the board at this time.

Mike Tomacelli made the following comments: In 2012 the process to rewrite the Comprehensive Plan began. It was voted on November 3, 2015. It took three years for the Comprehensive plan to be completed and approved. Since then the Planning Board began a labor-intensive effort to incorporate the goals and objectives of the Comprehensive Plan into town ordinances with the guidance of consultant Mark Eyerman who has been invaluable. This has been a public process with public attendance with both Comprehensive Plan and Planning Board members. It has been a 7½-year effort. The Planning Board has been doing double time for the last 4 years. The rewrite started July 16, 2016. This coming July represents four years of effort from the Planning Board, consultant Mark Eyerman and public attendance. State Shoreland Zoning Ordinance DEP 1000 was revised by the state January 26, 2016. The Planning Board adopted part of that in 2017 opting to finalize the inclusion of the additional part DEP 1000 in the rewrite of the town ordinance. Throughout our public hearings here there have been comments, recommendations, some good thoughts that have been discussed--those will require Planning Board review and it’s not something that will happen quickly. Mike is recommending that those changes and comments, with the exception of the CMBG one (it is

important and needs to be worked on by the town attorney to be resolved). Any changes resulted from future workshops would be placed on the next warrant potentially in November. We have to give the Planning Board a break and get comments back from Sally as she reviews the ordinance. Once we get those back the Planning Board should go back to workshops again.

Steve Lewis did say that if we hold a special Town Meeting there will not be as much turnout compared to a November Presidential Election.

Sally Daggett looking at the finished work of the Planning Board is consistent with the work of the Consent Decree.

Steve Lewis asked the Chairman of the Planning Board, Sam Morris, if he would be comfortable using this document in June. This was the Planning Board's best effort and it was a unanimous vote to give you this ordinance. He does agree about the Consent Decree concerns. Dimsie McBride added that there was lots of time checking consistencies and referencing the DEP and other organized entities that had requirements.

The majority of the Board of Selectmen suggests that after Sally's review there will be a joint Public Hearing in May to be ready for a June vote on the current Proposed Ordinance Revision.

**Mike Tomacelli made a motion based on the review of the ordinance as written that the board have Dan Bryer, town manager, put the proposed ordinance rewrite on the next available warrant and Kristina Ford seconded the motion. Vote: 4-1 in favor**

*Discussion:*

Jean Reese-Gibson is disappointed that her public comment will be tabled until after this document is in and will only be considered for revision. Her comment was on groundwater and how to test your well.

Desiree stated that the feedback that everyone took the time to give is valuable and we should instruct the Planning Board to review that. With this suggestion, Steve Lewis stated we would have to resubmit the entire ordinance to the DEP and the lawyer with any changes. If the Proposed Ordinance Revision is adopted yearly changes and amendments are anticipated.

Lester Spear was disappointed that the four suggestions will be put off for one, possibly two years.

Kristina Ford made a motion to approve this warrant as it appears articles 1-34 with the amendment to reduce article 26 to \$1000 for the Boothbay Region Community Band and put it on the ballot for May, Dale Harmon seconded the motion. Vote 5-0 in favor.

Kristin Ford stated that by passing this motion to put this on the warrant that we have agreed to the proposed plan to put \$10,000 to the **community debt?**. ( I couldn't hear what she said...)

**New Business:**

1) *Pandemic Response Plan*

This was forwarded through local EMA with initial agreement to the three towns to work together: Boothbay, Boothbay Harbor and Southport. This is an early reach to this potential pandemic. Boothbay Harbor has adopted it. Kristina Ford asked if this has been reviewed by EMS. Steve Lewis was concerned why the Board of Selectmen would be notified but not EMS.

Steve Lewis would like Dan to make a call to the EMA director and explain the concern of the Board of Selectmen.

Kristina Ford made a motion to approve the Pandemic Response Plan conditionally with the addition of contacting EMS and Dale Harmon seconded the motion. Vote 5-0 in favor

**Public Comment:**

**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 8:37 Dale Harmon made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Kristina Form seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0 in favor.