

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, March 13, 2019
7:00 PM
MINUTES**

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

Chuck Cunningham called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Public Hearing:

The Public Hearing is on the Municipal Budget Warrant, Chuck Cunningham turns it over to Dan Bryer. He stated the only addition to the budget was the portion where his raise was added. Kristina Ford had a question about the fireworks, Steven Lewis explained what was decided last year the Town of Boothbay would give \$10,000.00 towards 2 shows. They have 3 shows a year. Southport and Boothbay Harbor give money as well. The Chamber of Commerce doesn't handle it anymore Boothbay Harbor does. Dan Bryer stated it is in the Warrant.

Steven Lewis started a discussion on the Boothbay Region Health Center donation. He is worried it will open it up to others such as Lincoln Health to start requesting money. If they make a profit in a couple of years he doesn't feel like they should continue to ask for donations. The Board wants to make sure it goes to people who need help with their hospital bills. Chuck Cunningham suggested they should find out if they could give to the Free Bed Fund instead or to give the funds with the stipulation it is to be used for residents who need help. They agreed to word it in the warrant as, "to give up to \$5000.00" so they will have some leeway on what to give.

Chuck Cunningham asked Jim Bouchard, the Executive Director of the Central and Mid-Coast Chapter of the Red Cross to present to the Board regarding their request for funding. It is Jim Bouchard's first year with the Red Cross. They are requesting a donation of \$500.00. They have 3 volunteers from Boothbay, Nita Tupper, Constance Jones and Candace Carrier. In the last year 8 Boothbay residents were served, 4 males and 4 females and 2 of the people were over the age of 62. The financial assistance given was a total of over \$1150.00. They do Blood Services as well as Health and Human Safety Lifesaving Classes on top of the help they do with fires and disasters. They support the military and work with VA homes and vets. Any money donated would go to helping families in the Mid-Coast area. Every program they offer is free. Jim Bouchard shared a personal experience he had with the Red Cross when he had a kitchen fire in his home. He came home that day to a Red Cross volunteer comforting his daughter on the front porch and they helped them until everything settled down. That is why he started working for the Red Cross. Chuck Cunningham thanked him for coming and stated it was nice to see a representative from the Red Cross come in.

There is a brief discussion regarding the Outside Funding Requests. The Red Cross is to be added for the amount of \$500.00. Steven Lewis made a motion to approve the list of Outside Funding

Organizations minus the LifeFlight Foundation and Maine Public Television and with the addition of The Red Cross for the amounts requested. Michael Tomacelli seconded the motion. It is approved 5-0.

There is a brief discussion on the order of the Articles in the Warrant. It is decided to have Dan Bryer swap the locations of Article 26 and 32. Steven Lewis made the motion to approve the Annual Town Meeting Warrant dated May 6, 2019 with the swapping of Article 36 and Article 32. Michael Tomacelli seconded the motion. It is approved 5-0.

Dan Bryer switched the order of the Articles and they signed the Warrant.

Public Comment: Bill Pearson stated he was disappointed the Town of Boothbay isn't funding LifeFlight Foundation.

Approve Minutes:

Chuck Cunningham made a motion to approve the minutes from February 13, 2019 and February 20, 2019. Dan Bryer stated he is working on a format change so they are tabled.

Reports:

Dan Bryer reported that it has been relatively quiet in the Business Office. With the weather getting warmer we will begin to see a big uptick in boat registrations and car registrations. The Public Works is the same with the addition of cleaning the equipment to get all of the winter salt off. Hopefully we are past the point of facing anymore big storms. In the coming months they will start looking into getting the floats repaired and installed.

The Code Enforcement Office has 2 Building Permits, 3 Shoreland Building Permits, 3 Internal Plumbing Permits, 4 Planning Board Applications and 5 Shoreland Vegetation Removal Permits.

For the Planning Board there is a change of use request from construction debris stockpile to a service business on Back Narrows Road, a request for a retail office and propane fill station at the Industrial Park. A request to renovate an existing garage on a nonconforming lot, and a request to renovate an existing home on a nonconforming lot. Generally those are to do with setbacks or lot coverage.

Old Business:

Dan Bryer updated the Board on the Sidewalk Project, they have had a flurry of activity. Bid packets were sent out and they should be getting those in soon. The number they started with in 2010 is much larger in 2019. There is a little bit of a gap in funding. Boothbay Harbor has approved up to \$24000.00 from them and Dan Bryer maintained that Boothbay has done the majority of theirs already. Our portion may be around the \$2500.00 to \$3500.00 range. Dan Bryer suggested we take it out of the paving fund. MDOT will not add any more funding for this project. The issue is if it doesn't happen Boothbay and Boothbay Harbor would owe MDOT \$80,000.00 for engineering fees. There is further discussion on why costs have gone up. The project has taken 9 years to get to this point and Dan Bryer doesn't want to risk bumping the project back again.

Dale Harmon asked for an update on the meeting regarding the Barter's Island Bridge. Dan Bryer stated he met with Glenn Philbrook who will be the local MDOT representative who will be in charge of the project. There will be a temporary office in our town office for him and he will be available to answer questions people have until they set him up in an office on site at some point. In the first meeting they discussed utilities. The temporary bridge will be one lane and will be rated for 100 tons. There are copies of the engineering plans out in the foyer if anyone wants to take a look at them. There will be updates regarding traffic and the timeline on the Town of Boothbay website and on The Boothbay

Register site. There will be information for contractors as well. They need to finish the project by May 1, 2020.

Broadband Discussion:

Kristina Ford started a discussion on broadband, regarding the survey that needs to be done. She wants to hire Tom Myette for consulting services on the Town of Boothbay's broadband needs. Tom Myette can come up with a clear plan for them by the middle of April. Kristina Ford stated she would like to use \$2000.00 of the Board of Selectmen Contingency Fund to pay him for his services. Chuck Cunningham and Steven Lewis suggested to invite Boothbay Harbor to join in on the work Tom Myette is doing. If they decided to join in they could split the cost 50/50 and use grant money to pay for it. If they don't join us they will take the money from the BOS Contingency Fund.

Steven Lewis made the motion to contract Tom Myette with the cost not to exceed \$2000.00 with the understanding that Boothbay Harbor is offered to join in on it. If they do the money will be taken from the grant and if not the money will be taken from the BOS Contingency Fund. The report is to be done by the end of April. Dale Harmon seconded. It is approved 5-0.

Public Comment: None

Review Warrants and Sign: Chuck Cunningham made a motion to review and sign warrants. Dale Harmon seconded. It is approved 5-0.

Chuck Cunningham made a motion to adjourn at 8:25pm, Dale Harmon seconded. It is approved 5-0.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Andrea D Lowery, Deputy Town Clerk
March 19, 2019