

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 14, 2018
7:00 PM
MINUTES**

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

Pledge of Allegiance:

Public Hearing on Town Budget and the Warrant: Chuck Cunningham announces to begin the Public Hearing.

Dan Bryer states they have basically the same document they have had for a month on the Town Budget and a little over three weeks on the Warrant. The only difference is he got the number from The Boothbay Region Water District regarding their increase. Dan has copies of the Budget and Warrant available for everyone that wants them so they can follow along. He explains briefly how some of the budget items stay the same from year to year. The Town has reached the point where they needed to make small adjustments to some things. Dan asks if there are any questions. Chuck states it is pretty straight forward and that they will be discussing the Outside Organizations and which ones to have on the Warrant. The Selectmen discuss The Boothbay Region Water District's increase. It is going from \$236,000.00 to \$287,000.00. Steve Lewis asks what the increase is. He states how allowing Southport to go into the water system was supposed to lower costs and that hasn't happened. Dan Bryer states that it is a 30% increase for hydrant rentals. Steve Lewis suggests having Jon Ziegra coming in at some time to explain the increase.

Michael Tomacelli asks about the increase on Line 51 in the budget which is Employee Salaries. Dan Bryer answers it is from both new employees and raises. Part of it is him as well, after retiring from The National Guard he is now on Town health insurance. He asks if there are any questions.

Kevin Anthony asks if there are any plans to put a port-a-potty or bathroom facilities at Knickerdane Park and if that is included in the budget. The Selectmen and Dan Bryer discuss maybe putting something in on the parking lot side and not on the island itself. Lots of kayaking groups go out from there in the summer and clammers and boaters as well. Dan Bryer said he will put together the numbers and get back to them. A question is asked regarding E7 in the budget. It says debt zero. Dan Bryer explains that debt is covered under the TIF account and that shows under the general government sheet. With the TIF account they were able to pave the Industrial Park Road ahead of schedule. Dan Bryer states that the town is hoping to get a grant for the Park & Ride at The Boothbay Fire Department. They also discuss why the town roads are not striped after the question is asked. Steve Lewis said he was told years ago it was because of the cost.

Chuck Cunningham closes the Public Hearing.

Public Comment: Chuck Cunningham asks if there are any public comments. Paula Arsenault reads a statement she wrote regarding the Board of Selectmen. She asks them to be open to new ideas and different opinions.

Julie Roberts makes a statement to thank all of the Selectmen for all that they do and for the way they handled themselves in all situations. She states we all need to come together to save our community and to not shut new ideas down because you don't like someone.

Bill asks why Kristina Ford didn't participate in the Executive Session while she was away. Chuck Cunningham explains that they discussed it with the town attorney and she said Maine law is clear that a

selectman cannot participate remotely in a Public Session, but it was not clear on if a selectman can participate remotely in an Executive Session. They weighed all of the issues, she didn't have any of the confidential materials, not knowing if someone else was in the room and the risk of a breach of the court confidentiality order and her advice was to not allow Kristina Ford to participate remotely. Chuck Cunningham wants to have a board policy regarding whether someone can call in remotely for these meetings or not. Kristina Ford will be briefed on what was discussed at the meeting when she returns.

Approve Minutes: Chuck Cunningham makes a motion to approve the minutes from the February 14, 2018 meeting. Steve Lewis Seconds it. It is approved 4-0.

Reports: Dan Bryer reports that the Business Office is still accepting tax payments and we are where we normally are at this point. The Code Enforcement Office has two building permits, two shore land building permits, four internal plumbing permits and one subsurface permit. The Planning Board has one development application. The Public Works have had a lot to do with the snowstorms and they have been down one truck as well. Float repair is still under way. He states the Landscape Committee had its first public meeting and a few folks came in. They really want to engage the public. Their next meeting is advertised in The Boothbay Register.

Dan Bryer announces they have the nominees for the ballot. Steve Lewis, Dale Harmon and Mike Pander for Selectmen, Kim Pinkham for The Cemetery District, Troy Lewis for the Boothbay Harbor CSD Trustee, John Bertolet for Superintending School Committee Member and Nell Tharpe for the Water District.

Dan Bryer recognizes Marlene Groves for her work on her Book of Vitals that covers Boothbay and Southport. She gave the Town of Boothbay a copy for the library. He wanted to acknowledge her and thank her for the book.

Old Business: Town Budget, Warrant and Outside Organization requests.

Chuck Cunningham announces each Organization and what they are requesting for funds.

The American Legion- None, given \$500.00 last year.
The American Red Cross-None
The Shellfish Committee- None
The Cemetery District- \$18,000.00
The Boothbay Harbor Memorial Library- \$52,500.00
The Boothbay Region Ambulance Service- \$208,733.92
The Community Center- \$3500.00
The Boothbay Region Community Resource Council- \$5,000.00
The Boothbay Region Community Television- \$30,000.00
District Nursing- \$12,400.00
The Boothbay Region Historical Society- \$2,000.00
Senior Citizens- \$1,000.00
New Hope for Women- \$915.00

The Health Equity Alliance, Healthy Kids, LifeFlight and Maine Public Television were not given anything last year, they are not planning to give them anything this year.

Dawn Murphy asks them to consider Healthy Kids because of all the hungry children in our community that get lunches because of their program.

They discuss the Fireworks for the 4th of July, Windjammer Days and The Festival of Lights. The Chamber of Commerce no longer handles the fundraising. The Different committees are hoping for a \$15,000.00 donation from Boothbay and Boothbay Harbor for the three fireworks shows. Chuck Cunningham states that he doesn't believe it should be up to the taxpayers to pay for all three of the

fireworks shows and fundraising should be done for them. If fundraising isn't encouraged it will just get larger and larger. Everyone agrees.

Steve Lewis makes a motion to give \$10,000.00 for the fireworks and Dale Harmon seconds it.

Motion passes 4-0.

Chuck motions to approve \$208,733.92 to be given to The Boothbay Region Ambulance Service.

Dale Harmon seconds it. Motion passes 4-0.

Chuck motions to approve all of the stated Outside Organizations and amounts to be funded. Dale Harmon seconds it. Motion passes 4-0.

Dan Bryer states he will have the Warrant ready to sign in the next couple of days.

New Business: None

Review Warrants and Sign: Steve Lewis makes a motion to approve the Town Meeting Warrant with corrections made. Dale seconds it. Motion passes 4-0.

Motion to Adjourn Meeting: Chuck Cunningham makes the motion to adjourn. Steve Seconds it. Motion passed 4-0.

Minutes submitted by Andrea D. Lowery, Deputy Town Clerk