

Board of Selectmen

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Daniel Bryer Jr.



**Town of Boothbay
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Wednesday, May 22, 2019
7:00 PM
MINUTES**

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

Pledge of Allegiance:

Public Hearing: 1. Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, applicant for a renewal of liquor license (Restaurant Class I, II, III, IV) map/lot 132 Botanical Gardens Drive, Boothbay, ME, also a renewal of a Special Amusement permit. Dan Bryer said there were no outstanding violations, as this is a non-profit taxes are not an issue. Dale Harmon made a motion to approve this application as presented and Mike Tomacelli seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

2. Carriage House Restaurant, owner Kelly Farrin, applicant for a renewal of liquor license, Class I, II, III, IV – map/lot U12/14 located at 388 Ocean Point Road, Boothbay, ME. Dan Bryer reported there were no outstanding violations, the taxes have been paid and there are no issues. Dale Harmon made a motion to approve this application as presented and Kristina Ford seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

3. 1820 House Restaurant, Inc. (formerly Smuggler's Cove Inn) map/lot U06/11 located at 727 Ocean Point Road, East Boothbay, ME for renewal of a Special Amusement permit and an Innkeepers License at Smuggler's Cove Inn at the same location. Dan Bryer reported there were no issues and no outstanding violations and the taxes have been paid. Dale Harmon made a motion to approve this application as presented and Kristina Ford seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

Public Comment: No public comments.

Approve Minutes: No minutes were available for approval.

Reports:

Town Office Reports – Dan Bryer reported that the Code Enforcement Office is busy, there are a variety of permits open and there is one permit for the Planning Board next month. Kristina Ford said she is interested in where the housing permits are for, what part of town is being built in.

The Public Works crew is busy getting floats in and the picnic tables out. They are also working on sign repairs and mowing.

The Business Office is busy with a lot of registrations as the seasonal people are returning to the area.

BOS Action Items –

The Umaine Aqua Ventus project – Kristina Ford talked about this no longer being dormant and referred to various articles recently in the newspaper.

Pending BOS Action Items –

Dan Bryer said there would be something new on the housing to report in the next few weeks.

Dale Harmon asked about Policy and if the town had one to deal with parties, extra trash at the Clifford Playground. Mr. Harmon said recently there had been several birthday parties at the park and the people tried to clean up the trash but there simply were not enough trash cans to hold it all. Dan Bryer said the PWD would pick up trash on the weekends only if called to do so. It was suggested to maybe add an extra trash can there during the summer months.

Old Business:

Broadband discussion – Tom Mayette gave the board a written report and an oral presentation of what was in the report. Mr. Mayotte said he did a business analysis and said the region is not technology challenged, there is advanced technology in the region. He talked about a public hearing, where people expressed their problems with the marketplace. Mr. Mayette said the town needs to leverage the assets they already have, he talked about kick starting things with an RFP, a letter to all players in the area asking them to address & adopt standards. He talked about franchise agreements dying with the cable as that was mostly about TV. He talked about injecting competition into the equation. There was also discussion about bringing fiber vs cable into the region.

Frank Fasset, a member of the audience disagreed, he feels that getting someone to help negotiate a new franchise agreement may be the way to do.

New Business: 1. Wharves and Weirs – Constance Jones, located at 4 Waterfront Road North, tax map/lot R05/67-3. Applicant seeks approval to construct a 5'x24' seasonal pier with a seasonal 36'x3' runway and a 10'x20' float orientated parallel to the shore. The project also includes a skidway consisting of two 40' skids 9' apart anchored to the ledge.

Dan Bryer reported this application has gotten all the necessary permits (DEP, Army Corps, & Indian Tribes) and has already been approved by the Planning Board and Harbor Master. Dale Harmon made a motion to approve this application as presented and Kristina Ford seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

2. Wharves and Weirs – Graham and Nancy Hurst, located at 333 Barters Island Road, tax map/lot R04/102. Applicant seeks approval to construct a 37'x6' pier to a seasonal 34'x3' runway and a 10'x20' float parallel to the shore. The project includes a 13'x4' sloped walkway extended from an existing shed.

Dan Bryer reported this application has gotten all the necessary permits (DEP, Army Corps, & Indian Tribes) and has already been approved by the Planning Board and Harbor Master. Kristina Ford made a motion to approve this application as presented and Mike Tomacelli seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

3. Mike Maxim – Boothbay Lights update. Mr. Maxim presented an update on the past season's Boothbay Lights, an survey of businesses was done and it was reported that merchant sales were up, there was a significant increase in business and a moderate impact on employee retention/growth. He praised the partnership between the Towns, various groups and organizations and CMBG. The committee meets every month year round and he talked briefly about moving away from Greentree Events this year and the need to keep adding events and such to give people a reason to stay in the region longer.

There was a brief discussion about the effects of this festival on other surrounding towns out of the Boothbay Region.

Public Comment: None

Review Warrants and sign: Dale Harmon made a motion to review the warrants and sign them and Kristina Ford seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

Adjourn meeting: At 8:15 Dale Harmon made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Kristina Ford seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0 in favor.