

Board of Selectmen

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Town Manager

Daniel Bryer Jr.



**Town of Boothbay
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Wednesday, November 28, 2018
7:00 PM
MINUTES**

Present: Steven Lewis, Dale Harmon, Michael Tomacelli, Town Manager Dan Bryer and Secretary Sherry Tibbetts

Pledge of Allegiance:

Public Hearing: None scheduled

Public Comment: None

Approve Minutes: Dale Harmon made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 14th, 2018 meeting as presented and Mike Tomacelli seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0 in favor.

New Business: (1) Raise the floor initiative - Mark Robinson. Town Manager for the town of Fayette was present to talk about the "Raise the floor initiative" that he has started, he talked about minimal low receivership schools such as Fayette and Boothbay and they want to propose legislation that would raise the floor up to 15% by using a 2nd source of funding to bring the level up to the 15%. This proposal would cost approximately 22 million dollars. Mr. Robinson was asking the Selectmen for their support. He would like to have a resolution signed by as many towns as possible to support his position. If towns are interested he would also like to have financial support as well as help talking to Senator Dow and Representative Stover. There are approximately 116 Towns currently receiving less than 15% financial support from the State.

(2) Use request for the Common – Maine Stoneworkers Guild – There were two representatives from the Stoneworkers Guild present to talk about their request to use the Common for 12-13 days this summer for their semi-annual Stoneworkers Convention. There would be approximately 10 sculptors and they would not be starting before 8AM and would be done by 5 or 6PM each day. They are noisy when working. They do require electricity and water. They will clean up each day and will close down on the Thursday morning for the Farmer's market. They would most likely sit up in the middle and cordon off their area from visitors. They feel it would be a draw for visitors. The only concern expressed by the Selectmen was the timing to fit in with what the Landscape Committee has planned.

Reports:

Town Office Reports – Dan Bryer reported the Public Works has been busy with the recent storms as well as doing ditch work because of the excess rain. They also did a good job getting the lights up on the Common as well as all the banners in difficult weather. The Code Enforcement Office is busy with a variety of various types of permits and there are two applications to go before the Planning Board next month. Mr. Bryer also reported that David and Betsy Pratt have decided to step down as Animal Control and Dan will be looking into using the County for Animal Control. It was suggested as the Pratts have held this position for a long time they should be given a certificate for a dinner out.

There was a brief discussion about low spots where the water is collecting on the road and this needs to be addressed with MDOT and Sargent before the year is up.

There was a discussion about the Post Office and the maintenance and upgrades that it needs and that the lease money can be used for the maintenance of the building. Dan Bryer is looking into what needs to be done.

Dan Bryer also suggested that the town needs to look at future projects such as maintenance for the Town Office.

BOS Action Items:

The landscaping around Rte., 24 – The Committee put an RFP in the paper last week and are trying to get the numbers together.

The Common project: - They are currently working on timing and plans.

MDOT Park and Ride - The rest of the paving at the Fire Station will be held off until spring.

Pending BOS Action Items –

The Housing group – Dan Bryer reported that there was a positive meeting today with a local developer.

Old Business: None scheduled

Public Comment:

Review Warrants and sign: Dale Harmon made a motion to review the warrants and sign them and Mike Tomacelli seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0 in favor.

Adjourn meeting: Dale Harmon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20PM and Mike Tomacelli seconded the motion.