

**Board of Selectmen**

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Dale Harmon  
Kristina Ford  
Michael Tomacelli

**Town Manager**

Daniel Bryer Jr.



**Town of Boothbay  
Board of Selectmen Meeting  
Wednesday, October 10, 2018  
7:00 PM  
MINUTES**

**Present:** Steven Lewis, Michael Tomacelli, Chuck Cunningham, Kristina Ford, Town Manager Dan Bryer and Secretary Sherry Tibbetts

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

**Public Hearing:** None scheduled

**Public Comment:** Frank Fasset said on behalf of BRCTV he wanted the Board to know that they have decided to retract a little and take a reactive stance. They are not pulling out of the Broadband project just pulling back, they will stand by and be ready to answer questions and help in any way possible.

**Approve Minutes:** Steve Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes of 03/28/2018 with two corrections ( page one, under public hearing the vote was 5-0 in favor not 5-2, and on page 4 an email was received from Nancy Lindbergh not Nancy Limberg) and Mike Tomacelli seconded the motion. Vote: 3-1 in favor. Kristina Ford cast the one negative vote. Kristina Ford made a comment about being uncomfortable with the minutes although they were factual.

Steve Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes of 09/12/2018 as presented and Mike Tomacelli seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0 in favor.

Kristina Ford said she did have a correction to the minutes she would like made. The correction would be on page 2, New Business: Broadband, she would like the whole paragraph deleted and the following put in its place: "There was a follow-up discussion from a recent joint board meeting on this topic. The Selectmen had a draft application for committee members drafted by Wendy Wolf. Kristina Ford said she thinks the committee-member-application form is premature until we decide what the committee's functions will be if we receive the MCF Broadband grant. The towns of Boothbay and Boothbay Harbor, in conjunction with JEDC should establish what they hope to accomplish with regard to expanding Broadband, then establish a Citizen Broadband Committee to help achieve the Broadband goals. Ford offered to write a first-draft of the application to the MCF Broadband Grant, circulate that draft for comment from both Towns, JEDC and any other interested parties. After the grand application has been submitted, it'll be clearer what we expect a Citizen Broadband Committee to accomplish. At that point, we can ask for citizens to volunteer to serve."

Chuck Cunningham made a motion to approve the minutes of 09/12/2018 with the above correction made by Kristina Ford and Mike Tomacelli seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0 in favor.

**Reports:**

**Town Office Reports –**

Dan Bryer reported that the Code Enforcement Office is still very busy with a variety of permits.

The Public Works is busy with ditching and culvert work. Still doing some clean up from last month's storm. Paving on Presley Drive was coming to completion and Matthews Road will be the next to be paved. Dan Bryer suggested to the board that it was time for all of them to do a drive around and assess the roads before doing another 10 year plan for their maintenance and paving. The last drive around was done about 5 years ago.

The Business Office is very busy with absentee ballots, the request for ballots is far greater than they have ever had before. Dan Bryer said they are doing an excellent job and his hat is off to them.

#### **BOS Action items –**

The Landscaping around RT. 27 – Dan Bryer reported there has been another round of hydro seeding and it appears as if it took and the grass is growing more than the weeds this time. Chuck Cunningham said he thinks the landscaping looks good and that the committee did a good job. Mr. Cunningham said he thinks the town now needs to look at the Common, it is in bad shape. He suggested to see if the Landscaping Committee would be willing to take on another project and have them look into what needs to be done to the Common (new grass, leveling, etc.). Mr. Cunningham said this has been talked about for a few years and now is the time to look into fixing it.

Clifford Park – some of the border areas are going to be replaced.

Umaine Aqua Ventus project – Dan reported they are currently working to try and raise money for the project. They have not released results of their testing yet.

MDOT Park and Ride facility – the signage is up

Land and Water Grant – no update

Personnel Policy – Steve Lewis asked where this was at and Dan Bryer said he has received no comments on it and he will put it on the next agenda to be formally adopted by the board.

#### **Pending BOS Action Items –**

Broadband – this will be discussed under old business.

The housing group is continuing to discuss availability of land or subdivisions near municipal water and sewer for the analysis of affordable, workforce, and elder housing options.

BOS meeting with Board Trustees- will be discussed under old business

Banner Pole Policy – The policy was reviewed and discussed. Several amendments were suggested and discussed. Dan Bryer will make the suggested amendments and bring it back to the board.

#### **Old Business:**

**Broadband Grant** - Kristina Ford drafted the application for the MCF Broadband Grant and shared it with others. She said Mary Ellen Barnes was one who responded well to the draft. This is moving along well and will get submitted on time. Kristina Ford said everyone has stepped up and thanked them for the support and help. Steve Lewis thanked Kristina Ford for doing this.

**Discussion re: BOS and School Trustee meeting** - Dale Harmon and Dan Bryer attended a meeting with the Trustees last week to talk about the possibilities. It was discussed that before you can even look at the options such as Consolidation, Tuition or a New School you need numbers, you need dollar numbers, cost, projected number of students, etc. All of these details are needed before going public with these discussions. There was a discussion on where to go from here. There was also a discussion about repeal and replace the charter. It was suggested there needs to be two committees, one to look at the school system and what can be done and one to look at the governing of the system.

**New Business:**

**Potential grant for electric vehicle charging station** – Dan Bryer said he was at a recent meeting in Augusta about the reoccurring power outages on Barbers Island. As he was leaving the meeting someone told him about grants for Town's for vehicle charging stations, Dan Bryer said he has not done any research on this yet, he wanted to see first if the board was interested in him looking in to it. The Board said they would like to have more info on this.

**Public Comment:** None

**Review Warrants and sign:** Kristina Ford made a motion to review the warrants and sign them and Mike Tomacelli seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0 in favor.

**Adjourn meeting:** At 8:20PM Mike Tomacelli made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Kristina Ford seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0 in favor.