

Town Manager Report

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Holiday Hours

Welcome to the rest of the year for the Town of Boothbay. This Selectmen's meeting will be the last meeting in the calendar year. From an administrative perspective it was a good year and I hope next year is as kind. Please remember that the 2nd Board of Selectmen meeting in December is cancelled. It falls on Christmas Eve.

The Town Offices will also have an adjusted scheduled due to the holidays. The following explains the holiday hours at the offices:

December 24th, 2014- Town Office open all day

December 25th-26th, 2014- Town Office closed all day

January 1st, 2015- Town Office closed all day

Sorry for any inconvenience that this puts on residents and customers. Hopefully this allows staff and residents to have a Merry Christmas and Holiday Season.

Staffing Shuffle

Thankfully, Heidi Fuller, Deputy Clerk will return from maternity leave within the next few days. She has surely been missed. Although I wish the best for Heidi, Barrett, and new baby Audrey, I need Heidi a few hours out of the work week. We look forward to her return.

People may have noticed the temp that was filling in Heidi's absence. Sarah Adkins, from Bath, filled in during Heidi's maternity absence. She did a tremendous job. She was extremely well received from customers and picked up the job fast. In an ideal world we would keep them both but we have to say good bye to Sarah. Good luck in the next adventure.

I reported to the Board of Selectmen that Martha Snow had resigned her position in the Public Works Department. Now I am pleased to announce that we have hired a replacement for this position. We have an accepted offer from Chris Dighton, from Edgcomb, he previously worked at the Boothbay Railway Village. Chris will start on December 22nd. Welcome aboard.



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Tax Foreclosures

This is the holiday season but it is also the tax foreclosure season. It is regrettable that these two seasons fall at the same time but that is how the law is written.

Properties that have real estate taxes outstanding from 2012-2013 will be automatically foreclosed by the town on December 18th, 2014.

There are 21 properties that fit into this category and they have all been contacted formally and informally. Many of these accounts are presented every year at this time. Many are settled at the last minute.

If you have property that will be foreclosed on December 18th, 2014 or know someone that does, make contact with the town. The town has never foreclosed on a property owner that is willing to settle the account. We will find a way to work with you.

Call, email, or stop by my office. These things can be handled quickly and confidentially.

Kenniston Hill Inn

The public effort to save the Kenniston Hill Inn has been remarkable. Paul Coulombe, Boothbay Harbor Country Club Owner, has been incredibly gracious in his patience of this effort and his development looming. The town is eternally grateful.

Dan Bryer, Code Enforcement Officer, reported this morning that the Inn has obtained all permits for relocation and will be moved early next week. Thank you Dan for being flexible in the ever changing scope of permitting this building.

Dan also reported that Bigelow Labs has obtained permits to place their new laboratory sign at the entrance to their facility. I saw a sketch drawing and it is as impressive as the organization.

Register Your Dogs

Bonnie Lewis, Clerk, reports that registration for dogs is available at the Town Office for 2015. Bonnie does a great job encouraging residents to do this early. The penalty for registering after February 1st, 2015 is \$25 by state law. I recommend registering early at \$6. Contact the Town Office.

TIF #3 Approved

Attorney Ron Epstein has notified me that the preliminary acceptance of the Tax Increment Financing #3 approved at Town Meeting has been received by the Department of Economic and Community Development at the State of Maine. We are simply waiting for the letter.

This is a monumental achievement for the Town of Boothbay. Not only will this create economic development financing for items in the future, such as, the Clifford Park redevelopment and the Joint Economic Development Committee with Boothbay Harbor, but it is monumental in small town history.

TIF#3 is one of the largest TIFs in the State of Maine. There is only one other like it. Congratulations Boothbay.

Upcoming Events

Board of Selectmen	December 10
Comprehensive Planning Committee	December 15
Planning Board	December 17
Closed- Christmas	December 24 and 25
Closed- New Year's	January 1, 2015
Comprehensive Planning Committee	January 5, 2015
Board of Selectmen	January 14, 2015
Comprehensive Planning Committee	January 19, 2015
Planning Board	January 21, 2015
Board of Selectmen	January 28, 2015

