

Board of Selectmen
Dale Harmon, Chairman
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Charles R. Cunningham
Stephen W. Ham
Steven Lewis

Town Manager
Daniel Bryer Jr.



Town of Boothbay
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Wednesday January 27, 2016
7:00 PM
MINUTES

Present: Dale Harmon, Charles Cunningham, Steven Lewis and Town Manager Dan Bryer

Pledge of Allegiance:

Public Comment: Fran McBrearty, Chairman of the Planning Board updated the Selectmen of several issues. He talked about the Communications Tower Ordinance, the board met with Sally Daggett and she put their proposed changes into the current ordinance, he feels there is now a defensible ordinance for cell towers that has a shot at passing.

Mr. McBrearty next talked about the DEP 1000 Shoreland Zone changes, the board worked on two aspects of this (1) definitions and (2) development and performance standards. He feels these are ready to go on the warrant.

Mr. McBrearty said the Planning Board will hold a public hearing right before their regular meeting on February 17th and a second public hearing closer to the town meeting date.

The Planning Board is now ready to start working on the ordinance changes that need to be done because of the new Comp Plan.

Mr. McBrearty also gave a brief update on Mr. Simard coming before the Planning Board about the Zwicker application that was approved last Sept.

Minutes: The minutes were tabled until there are more Selectmen present.

Reports: Dan Bryer reported that the Business Office is busy with Property taxes and Dog registrations. The CEO's office has several permits pending.

The Public works is taking things day by day, Dan is thinking of having them do some work around the Town Office as there is weather stripping, etc. that needs repairs.

The Joint Economic Development Committee has decided that they will take on the project of working with CMBG to make the lighting a community project.

Paper Streets: Dan Bryer met with John Ziegler and Chris Higgins about the paper streets and both of them said the town should keep the paper streets. Although some have no use at this time, they might in the future. The Board agreed the town should keep the streets.

Kim Horstman re: Ambit Energy: Ms. Horstman gave a brief overview of Ambit Energy and suggested the Town could save money by switching their service from the standard offer to Ambit.

Steve Lewis said the town is in a seven year contract with Revision Energy with the solar panels that are in place and that the town currently creates 99% of the Energy it uses.

Preliminary Budget: Dan Bryer presented the Selectmen with some preliminary budget figures and asked them what format they would like to see the budget in. The Selectmen would like to see a spread sheet and they would like to have a five year comparison.

Dan Bryer gave a brief overview of some areas that are up this year and some that are down. He stated that there are a few that are always over budget and he was going to bump their budget up this year to be accurate.

The Selectmen questioned the cost of maintaining the East Boothbay Sidewalks. This led to a brief discussion about the new sidewalk project and that the State has pushed it back to this fall.

The Fire Chief has talked about three towns buying a machine to fit test the masks. The Selectmen would like to know the costs, both of buying the machine and maintaining it and what the current costs are to hire this done.

Steve Lewis questioned if the Senior Citizens Group and the new Community Center serve the same purpose. The Selectmen would like to see all the requests from outside agencies.

Public Comment: Dan said that Nancy Prisk and Ham Meserve from Southport have been coming to the Joint Economic Development Committee and he has spoken to Mike Smith in Edgecomb to see if Edgecomb would send a representative to the meetings. It would be nice to have all four town represented.

Review Warrants and sign them: Chuck Cunningham made a motion to review the warrants and sign them and Steve Lewis seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0 in favor.

Adjourn meeting: Chuck Cunningham made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10PM and Steve Lewis seconded the meeting. Vote: 3-0 in favor.