

Board of Selectmen

Dale Harmon, Chairman
Douglas Burnham, Vice Chair
Charles R. Cunningham
Stephen W. Ham
Steven Lewis

Town Manager

Daniel Bryer Jr.



**Town of Boothbay
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Wednesday March 23, 2016
7:00 PM**

MINUTES

Present: Dale Harmon, Douglas Burnham, Steven Lewis, Stephen Ham and Town Manager, Dan Bryer.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Public Comment: Tim Uteley read a prepared statement in favor of the proposed roundabout. He highlighted what he thought were positive attributes and a few suggestions on how to handle the project.

Minutes: The minutes of March 9th were tabled.

Reports: Dan reported that the CEO is busy, there are ten building permits pending, also Demo, Shoreland, Wharves & Weirs, and waste water permits are happening. The Public Works department has been busy fixing the floats and this week plowing. The Assessing office has completed most of the field work.

Outside Agencies: The Selectmen had a few questions for a couple of outside agencies.

Russ Pinkham spoke about the Shellfish Committee's request for \$1,000. He said this money is for seeding. The committee has to do some sort of conservation project according to DMR. There was a discussion about raising fees for licenses instead of asking for the money in the future and Russ said he was all for that.

The Selectmen also had questions for the Cemetery Committee. The Committee requested more money this year and the Selectmen asked why and what about the money they have in accounts. The committee said the increase is because of the higher cost of mowing, maintenance and the need to expand. They talked about doing small projects a little at a time. The accounts they have are not making any interest at this time and some accounts can only be used for certain cemeteries or actions. Steve Lewis commented that the cemeteries are looking good.

Budget: There was a discussion about the request from the American Legion. It was for \$300 but Steve Lewis was under the impression that it was a mistake filling out the form

and that they wanted to request \$500. After the discussion the Selectmen decided to put it on the warrant for \$500 but if it was not a mistake they could still give \$300.

Steve Lewis made a motion to approve the Annual Town Meeting Warrant with the change of \$500 for the American Legion and Steve Ham seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0 in favor.

Resignation: Fran McBrearty gave his resignation from both the Planning Board and the Joint Economic Development Committee effective 03/18/2016. Steve Lewis made a motion to accept the resignation and to thank Mr. McBrearty for his service. Doug Burnham seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0 in favor.

Appointment of Election Clerks: Steve Lewis made a motion to appoint: Eleanor Alley, Estelle Appel, Sally Barter, Brenda Blake, Cathy Blake, Freda Burnham, William Dunton, Hillary Hyson, Sharon Oakland, Pamela Reed, Cathy Sherrill, Arthur Webster, Christine Bastian, Martha Ann Booth and Sarah Bullard as election clerks and Doug Burnham seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0 in favor.

TIF district information: Eric Carlson sent a letter to the Selectmen asking about the TIF district and any benefits if any he may be able to apply for. He has bought land in the Industrial Park and will be manufacturing wood pellets. Dan will look at the TIF contract and see if there is anything that would benefit Mr. Carlson. The Selectmen would like to encourage this type of new business.

Next meeting: There will be another discussion about the proposed roundabout at the next meeting on April 13th so they board feels the meeting needs to be moved to a larger location again and the YMCA has been suggested. Representatives from Knickerbocker and MDOT will be at the meeting. The discussion will center around where do we go from here.

Review Warrant and sign: Steve Lewis made a motion to review the warrants and sign them. Doug Burnham seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0 in favor.

Adjourn: Doug Burnham made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45PM and Steve Ham seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0 in favor.

Minutes submitted by
Sherry Tibbetts