

Board of Selectmen

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**Town of Boothbay
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Monday April 22, 2013
7:00 PM
MINUTES**

Call Meeting to order: Chairman Chuck Cunningham called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Present: Charles Cunningham, Steven Lewis, Douglas Burnham, Stephen Ham, Dale Harmon and James Chaousis II

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Public Hearings:

- a. **Boothbay Harbor Country Club**, Map R7 Lot 2-B, located at 33 Country Club Road. Paul G. Coulombe, new liquor Class I, II, III, IV, (Golf Club), an Auxiliary License and a new Special Amusement Permit, Class C & D. This is a new application because it is a new owner. Steve Lewis made a motion to approve the application as presented and Doug Burnham seconded the motion. **Vote: 5-0 in favor.**
 - b. **Boothbay Center Café'**, U18 Lot023-A, located at 7 Common Drive, Boothbay, new liquor license (Restaurant, Class I, II, III, IV) Malt & Vinous only. This is a new application and everything is in order. Dale Harmon made a motion to approve this application as presented and Steve Ham seconded the motion. **Vote: 5-0 in favor.**
 - c. **Waterford Quay, d/b/a Lobsterman's Wharf**, U16 Lot1, located at 224 Ocean Point Road, renewal of liquor license Class XI. This is a renewal and there have not been any problems in the past. Dale Harmon made a motion to approve this application as presented and Steve Ham seconded the motion. **Vote: 5-0 in favor.**
 - d. **Linekin Partners, LLC**, Map U15 Lot 30, located at 107 Murray Hill Road, Steve and Susan Plaustainer, new Innkeepers license. New owners of the 5 Gables Inn, so this is a new license for an established business. Dale Harmon made a motion to approve this application as presented and Steve Ham seconded the motion. **Vote: 5-0 in favor.**
- 3. Larry Knapp, Hywind Maine Fisheries Liaison:** Mr. Knapp introduced himself and said the research was going to start this week. That the cable was going to be buried 6' deep wherever possible. When it was not possible it would have a rock or cement bed over the top of it. Mr. Knapp said he would be available to talk to people and to answer questions. Pete Ripley said that in May or June the

group would like to use the Town Office meeting room to hold a Public Hearing to keep the public up to date on the project.

4. **Industrial Park Committee:** Fran McBrearity said the Industrial Park Committee is in the goal setting process and has done a lot of talking about infrastructure. The Committee sees Water/Sewer/Cable in the Rt. 27 Corridor including the Industrial Park a benefit to the entire town not just to the Industrial Park. It would bring jobs and younger people back to the town and benefit everyone. This is a project that the committee feels the town needs to fund and to try and find grant money to fund. If the town can find grant money and can fund part of it – it would be better. A lot of public education would need to be done. The committee would like to have the board's approval for the Town Manager to work with Wright Pierce or other Engineers to look into the possibility of grants.
5. **Public comments:**
6. **Approve minutes:** Steve Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes of the 04/08/2013 meeting minutes and Steve Ham seconded the motion. **Vote: 4-0 in favor.** Doug Burnham abstained as he was not at that meeting.
7. **Reports:**
 - a. **St Andrews Task Force-** They are still wrapping up and working on a draft of their final resolution. Mr. Chaousis said Boothbay had received their donation from Lincoln County Health. Chuck said the task force would give any leftover funds to the Boothbay Region Ambulance.
 - b. **Comprehensive Planning Committee-** The committee met earlier tonight and are working on the first draft of their vision. They are trying to set a date to meet with Boothbay Harbor to see where their plans overlap.
 - c. **Tax Sale Bid –** The properties are being paid for and coming off the list. The list is currently down to three and there is the possibility that there may only be one that is actually sold by bid.
 - d. **Lincoln County ACO discussion –** Originally Boothbay said they might be interested in this just to see what it might be about and if it would save money. At this point in the discussion, it would appear as if it would cost more money and Boothbay would lose all control. Steve Lewis and Chuck Cunningham both expressed their displeasure will losing more control to the County.
 - e. **LD 977 MUBEC uniformity –** If this passes and changes from 4000 to 2000 then Boothbay would come under this. Mr. Chaousis said Boothbay is going to send the CEO's to the training just in case. That way Boothbay will be ready no matter what happens.
 - f. **Annual Town Meeting –** Municipal Property Tax Levy Limit, Mr. Chaousis gave the Selectmen a chart showing the figures on this but it seems that Boothbay will exceed this figure this year. Chuck Cunningham said that if LD1 does not pass, where can the budget be cut should be studied ahead of time. People will ask and the board should be ready with answers.

g. Department Head Report – There wasn't a Department head meeting today, but a few things to note: the Public Works crew is out sweeping the roads and the Road Postings are down. The Assessing office has been working on the Personal Property in the Data Base and going house to house doing Spring updates. The CEO has been working on the County Club application and said that commercial applications are on the rise. Town Reports are now out.

8. Old Business:

9. New Business:

a. Stimson Petition: Mr. Chaousis said that the town's attorney Sally Dagget recommended that the board vote to place this petition on the next available warrant or vote to have a Special Town Meeting. They did not have to name the warrant, just the next available one.

Steve Lewis made a motion to put David Stimson's petition on the next available warrant and Dale Harmon seconded the motion. **Vote: 5-0 in favor**
During the discussion Fran McBrearity said that since this petition effects the entire general residential area of the entire town serious consideration needs to be given to this, it needs to be voted on when there is a large number of people there and not a small gathering of people. Steve Lewis agreed with this.

It was agreed that the Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen can recommend or not recommend the change to the zoning ordinance.

The Planning Board can also offer an alternative solution or change on the same warrant.

10. Public Comment: Henry Rowe said the Woodchucks have driven 329 miles and delivered 68 truck-loads of wood this year. He wanted to thank the town for all of their help. Mr. Rowe next wanted to know when the town was going to sell the Smith property on Rt. 27 and put it back on the tax rolls. This led to a discussion about the town keeping properties or selling them.

Frank Fassett said he wanted to say how pleased he was to see so many new businesses opening or re-opening up in Boothbay.

11. Review Warrants and sign: Steve Lewis made a motion to review the warrants and sign them and Dale Harmon seconded the motion. **Vote: 5-0 in favor.**

12. Adjourn the Meeting: Steve Lewis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 and Dale Harmon seconded the motion. **Vote: 5-0 in favor.**