

Board of Selectmen

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

Town Manager

James D. Chaousis II



**Town of Boothbay
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Monday May13, 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, Dale Harmon, Douglas Burnham, Stephen Ham and Town Manager, James Chaousis II

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Public Hearings:

- a. **Shipyard Cup/Hodgdon Yachts**, Timothy Hodgdon, Map U16, Lot 3, located at 14 School Street, East Boothbay, application for Special Amusement Permit Class A. There have been no issues with this application in the past, all fees have been paid in full and the Town Manger recommends approval. Dale Harmon made a motion to approve the application as presented and Doug Burnham seconded the motion. **Vote: 5-0 in favor.**
- b. **Boothbay Playhouse**, Susan Domeyer, Map R5, Lot 10-0, located at 285 Wiscasset Road, renewal of Special Amusement Permit Class A, B, and C. There have been no issues with this application in the past and all fees have been paid in full. The Town Manager recommends approval. Steve Lewis made a motion to approve this application as presented and Doug Burnham seconded the motion. Chuck Cunningham stated that this is a first class operation and as a neighbor he wanted to say that it was a pleasure to have them in the neighborhood. **Vote: 5-0 in favor.**
- c. **River Tune, LLC**, Map R4, lot 63, located at 79 Tavenner Road in Boothbay, Maine to construct three PT wood temporary floats; one 12'x30' float and two 12'x33' floats, to support a temporary berth for the 180' long SY Marie in the Sheepscott River. There was an on-site visit today (05/13/2013) with the Harbor Master, Joe LeBlanc and Doug Burnham. The Harbor Master does not see a problem with this application, it will not block the channel. When the boat is turning it will block about half the channel for approximately 10 minutes that is all. There is also a letter from a Mr. Donovan in the file. The Planning Board has already met on the application. Steve Ham made a motion

to approve the application as presented and Dale Harmon seconded the motion. **Vote: 5-0 in favor.**

- d. **Ocean Point Inn**, the liquor license for Ocean Point Inn will run out the end of the month, there is not time enough to do the advertising and have the needed public hearing in time. Steve Lewis made a motion to send a letter to the state in favor of granting a 30 day extension to the license for Ocean Point Inn and Dale Harmon seconded the motion. **Vote: 5-0 in favor.**

3. **Public Comment:**

- 4. **Approve minutes:** Steve Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes of the 04/22/2013 meeting minutes and Doug Burnham seconded the motion. **Vote: 5-0 in favor.**

5. **Annual Selection of Chairman/Vice Chairman:**

Chuck Cunningham stated he would be willing to serve as Chair again if the board would like him to do so. Doug Burnham stated he felt the position should be rotated among the members. He stated it was done that way years ago and he felt it should be that way again. He stated he had nothing against Chuck or the job he was doing, just that he felt it was a job that should be spread among all of the members. Doug Burnham made a motion to appoint Steve Lewis as Chairman and Dale Harmon seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-1-1 in favor.** Steve Ham voted no and Steve Lewis abstained. Steve Lewis made a motion to appoint Dale Harmon as Vice Chair and Doug Burnham seconded the motion. **Vote: 4-1 in favor.** Dale Harmon abstained from voting. Steve Lewis stated he would never have accepted the nomination a couple of years ago and will only accept it now because of all he has learned from Chuck Cunningham. He stated he has learned a lot from him.

6. **Reports:**

- a. **Annual Town Meeting** – 80 were at the open town meeting, which is a good size crowd. 564 people cast votes during the referendum questions. Good questions were asked about the Tax levy limit. It was a good meeting.
- b. **St. Andrews Task Force** – Their last meeting was held last week. Their final resolution is just waiting for voting results from Edgecomb. \$10,000 was given to the Boothbay Region Health and Wellness Foundation as seed money, \$10,000 was given to BRAS and a smaller amount of left over money was given to the Town of Boothbay to cover misc. expenses they have incurred through all the meetings, etc. Chuck Cunningham has accepted a seat on the board of the new Wellness organization.
- c. **Comprehensive Planning Committee** – They held a Business forum at the YMCA tonight and it was not well attended. The committee

however is moving along great. They are looking at ways to collaborate with Boothbay Harbor and to share resources.

- d. **Tax Sale Bid** – there are only two properties 229 Back Narrows Road and 682 Ocean Point Road still on the list and one of them may be off the list before the deadline.
- e. **Fire Department Safety Enhancement Grant** – The Fire Department has applied for this grant.
- f. **MMA Executive Committee** – Mr. Chaousis has an interview scheduled for this on Wednesday.
- g. **Route 27 Sidewalk** – Mr. Chaousis is meeting with the Boothbay Harbor Selectmen to review and update them on this project.
- h. **Goal/Objective Planning** – Planning and setting goals for the coming year, will do this in two parts (1)6:30 on June 12 before the regular meeting starts and (2) at 6:30 on June 26 before the regular meeting starts.
- i. **Department Head Report** – PWD is doing their spring work, sweeping, lining, etc. – The Business Office is getting caught up after the town meeting – There is a Board of Assessment Review hearing scheduled for June 22 – Art Dunlap is going to be in the office tomorrow, he will be inventorying properties in the Water Reservoir District, This will be a special project he will be working on this summer (about 7 hours a day, 1 day a week for about 20 weeks) – The Planning Board is considering phosphorous standards in the Watershed District and is having a workshop on 05/28/2013 for the Planning Board, Appeals Board, Selectmen and Staff. At a later date there will be a workshop for the public.
- j. **LD 851** – Mr. Chaousis just wanted to bring this to the Selectmen's attention it is a bill mandating the management of former owners tax acquired property – something for them to keep their eyes on.

7. Old Business:

- a. **Town Owned Properties** - The Selectmen were presented with a list of town owned properties. The list was reviewed and discussed. Douglas Burnham said there was one on Sawyers Island that should have reverted back to the owners and he asked Mr. Chaousis to have the town's attorney to take a look at it. Mr. Chaousis stated he still needs to work on the list and figure out where and what some of the properties are. There was a discussion about the Smith (Cross River) property. Although this is tax acquired property, since it was voted at a town meeting to use as a recreation area, to change the use or to sell it, would require going back to the voters at a town meeting. Steve Lewis suggested putting out RFP's with the understanding that nothing would be binding, that the Selectmen were just looking for ideas at this point, and see what happens. The Selectmen wouldn't have to accept any of them but it would give them a chance to see what ideas are out there and if they got something good then they

could take it to the voters. Steve Lewis made a motion to have Mr. Chaousis draft a non-binding request for proposals on the Smith property and Doug Burnham seconded the motion. **Vote: 4-1 in favor.** Chuck Cunningham cast the one negative vote. Mr. Cunningham stated he felt the voters have already spoken. Dale Harmon stated it makes sense to keep some of the town owned properties and not others. Some of the properties listed need definitions. There was a discussion about a small piece of land that contains an old tower that is in bad shape and the liability if something happens to it, something may need to be done with this tower. Steve Lewis stated he did not see the piece next to the Old Animal Hospital on the list. Chuck Cunningham stated he thinks the Selectmen should get the complete list, including the Fire Department, etc. All Town owned properties.

b. Pay port/InforME –

Through the state's sight InforME town's can now use credit cards and Harris/Trio will allow this use through their system. The card holder pays all fees (2.5% or a min. of \$1) Data Security is through the State of ME and all the info goes through the system, no information stays with the town. It will cost \$625 the first year to set this up with Harris/Trio and \$100 per year thereafter to maintain. The Selectmen stated this is the way to go – everyone wants to use Plastic – so go ahead and set it up.

8. New Business:

- a. Comprehensive Planning Committee Appointment** - Steve Lewis made a motion to nominate Nicholas Barth to the Comprehensive Planning Committee and Dale Harmon seconded the motion. **Vote: 5-0 in favor.**
- b. MCEDD General Assembly Representative - Currently** Boothbay's representative's are Jim Chaousis and Chuck Cunningham. Should this stay the same for the coming year or change? Chuck stated he was only doing it as long as he was chairman, now he would prefer not to be on it. Mr. Chaousis suggested maybe a member of the Planning Board, either Fran McBrearty or Mike Tomacelli. The Selectmen thought either one would be a good candidate.
- c. Quit-Claim Deeds** - Steve Lewis made a motion to grant quit-claim deeds to 4 properties as presented as all of the back taxes have been paid up to date on the properties and Doug Burnham seconded the motion. **Vote: 5-0 in favor.**

- 9. Public Comment:** Steve Lewis stated he wanted to thank Chuck Cunningham for all his hard work as Chairman of the board the past seven years. He has done a great job.

10. **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.**
11. **Adjourn the meeting:** Steve Lewis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50PM and Dale Harmon seconded the motion. **Vote: 5-0 in favor.**