

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 May 25, 2016
7:00 PM
MINUTES**

Present: Doug Burnham, Dale Harmon, Steve Lewis and Town Manager Dan Bryer

The meeting took place at the Boothbay Region YMCA and Dale Harmon called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Public Hearing:

Smuggler's Cove Inn, Inc. Kimberly Swan, owner, map U6/lot 11, located at 727 Ocean Point Road, East Boothbay, renewal of Innkeepers License.

Dan Bryer said this is a standard renewal application and the taxes have been paid in full.

Steve Lewis made a motion to approve the application as presented and Doug Burnham seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0 in favor.

Public Comment:

Bill Pearson asked if the Roundabout was not on the agenda, why the meeting was being held at the YMCA instead of the Town Office. Although the Roundabout is not on the agenda, there are items that relate indirectly to the roundabout on the agenda and at the last meeting a majority of people indicated that they would be in attendance tonight.

Minutes:

Steve Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2016 meeting as presented and Doug Burnham seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0 in favor.

Old Business:

1 Goosefare Antiques – John and Elizabeth Desimone, to talk about an event they would like to have on the Common. This is a for profit group and they charge admission. Last year some people objected to an event on the Common that charged and was for profit. Mr. Desimone said he has had these antique shows in the Boothbay Region since 1974. He said he would be willing to get a local sponsor, maybe the community center, and they would get a percentage of the profits.

Steve Lewis asked where the admission charge go and was told it was to cover their expenses.

There was a discussion about if no local sponsor benefiting then the town should charge a fee.

Steve Lewis made a motion to approve this application to use the Common with the condition that either a local sponsor would benefit or the town would charge a fee. Doug Burnham seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0 in favor.

Mr. Utley asked about people who could not pay and was told that the town would be given a few free passes that could be given out.

2 BPI (Business Partnership Initiative): Dan Bryer provided the Selectmen with a sample agreement from Biddeford. After a brief discussion, Steve Lewis made a motion to authorize Dan Bryer to finalize and sign a BPI on behalf of the Board of Selectmen and Doug Burnham seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0 in favor.

Marcia Soler asked what a BPI is.

Dale Harmon explained that is a joint agreement between the State and the Town to reserve the funds from the State and will be contingent upon a vote by the Town's people in November.

Dan Bryer explained that the agreement explains what the obligations of the various parties are and gives guidelines and is a place holder to secure the money.

Kathleen Marty asked what the time frame is to complete the contract. Dan Bryer said he would start on it tomorrow and try to get it done as soon as possible. He was not sure what MDOT's time frame would be.

Mike Pander said there are two other BPI's in the State and he hoped the Selectmen would take a look at all of them. Dan Bryer said he looked at Biddeford's as it was the flagship.

Janet Day asked if a private party is involved in the project and they go belly up how this will affect the Town. Steve Lewis said once the contract is signed all the money is put in escrow, the money is put up front before the project starts and the Town is in charge of the escrow account, they administer the project.

Tammy Steinmetz asked how much money is in the TIF account. Dan said it generates \$105,000 per year and will go up as the valuations go up. Ms. Steinmetz said that if Rynell left the Industrial Park because there wasn't any public sewer and water, could the TIF money be used for that instead. Dale said that project would cost approximately 7 million and the TIF could not support that much. Right now.

Jean Reese Gibson how structured the agreement was for extending the money.

The board explained that all the money goes in to one fund, all money is extended at the same rate. The question was asked if the project came in under budget, could MDOT get the money left and if it came in over budget, what would happen. The Town can only spend what was voted on, the third party involved would have to pay the extra. Jean suggested that should be part of the contract.

Peer Review:

Dan Bryer explained that he had gotten five names from MDOT of possible peer reviewers. He sent inquires to all five and received four back, only one of those sent in an agreement. Steve Lewis made a motion to accept the proposal for a peer review from Ty-Lin International for \$1,500 and Doug Burnham seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0 in favor.

Marcia Soler asked what a peer review would do and was told that they would look over all the data and verify it. They would be working for the Town.

Bruce McDonald said in the evaluation of the proposal two things needed to be addressed, (1) future projects supportable and (2) is the roundabout a reasonable solution.

Janet Day said she would like other proposals to be studied by this group. She would like to see the roundabout moved to the right location where the problem is.

Rhoda Weyr said she would like all the information made available to the public. She said in the slide show numbers were used to show danger but there was no information available on what determined the level of danger. She said she cannot get any information about accidents from MDOT.

Annual placement of Chair and Vice-Chair: This was tabled until there is a full board present.

Pole permit:

The CMP pole would be placed on private property. Steve Lewis made a motion to approve the pole application and Doug Burnham seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0 in favor.

Public Comment:

Andy Hamblett said the Antique group wanting to use the Common was as the YMCA for a number of years, but it had to stop because of infringement on members.

Mary Neal said she has nothing against the Antique Dealer but asked if this would set a precedence. Dale Harmon replied that it probably would.

Tim Utley asked about current rates to use the Common. Currently there is a refundable fee.

Bruce McDonald commended the Board for the way they have handled their meetings the last few weeks. He appreciates the open discussion.

Rhoda Weyr asked if the Common was being used by a group, can anyone else be there too and was told yes.

Janet Day had questions on the parking for the Common. Dale Harmon said the new space with 50 parking spots will help.

Jean Reese Gibson asked if the new parking lot was part of the Roundabout. She said she though this should be part of the proposal and that it needs to be owned by the town.

Ann Reed asked if the vendors at the Antique Show pay the sponsor and yes they do.

Review Warrants and sign them:

Steve Lewis made a motion to review the warrants and sign them and Doug Burnham seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0 in favor.

Adjourn meeting:

Steve Lewis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00PM and Doug Burnham seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0 in favor.

Minutes submitted by
Sherry Tibbetts, Secretary