

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 August 10, 2016
7:00 PM
MINUTES**

Present: Dale Harmon, Douglas Burnham, Charles Cunningham, Steven Lewis, Stephen Ham and Dan Bryer Town Manager
The meeting was held at the YMCA.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Approve minutes: Chuck Cunningham made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 28th meeting as presented and Doug Burnham seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

Reports: Dan Bryer reported that the Business Office is busy with the usual business; there have been a lot of car registrations. The CEO has processed 8 building, 9 Plumbing, 3 sub-surface and 1 development permit this week. The Public Works is still doing Road prep., they are having some problems because of the slope of the road on Butler Road but should be done soon.

Peer review discussion re: Rt. 27 Traffic Improvement Plan/Roundabout:

Steve Sawyer, VP Transportation Services for GHD was present to respond to comments from the Independent peer review that was presented at the last meeting. Danielle Betts, Director Design services for Knickerbocker Group and Steve Landry, State Traffic Engineer MDOT were also present.

Mr. Sawyer went through the questions raised by Mr. Errico at the last meeting and some questions from the audience and answered them. There was a slide presentation covering the questions as well. Written copies of the report/slide presentation can be seen at the Town Office.

Steve Lewis and Chuck Cunningham both raised concerns about Back River Road and asking if this could be re-routed to enter Corey Lane and not directly onto Route 27. Mr. Sawyer was not in favor of this from an engineering standpoint but Mr. Landry said MDOT can put the road whichever way works best for the Town of Boothbay.

When it was mentioned that there would no longer be gas pumps at the station across from Country Club Road, Dale Harmon said speaking as a representative of the Boothbay Region Water District getting rid of the gas tanks was a good thing for the water supply. Gas tanks in the Watershed that close to the public water supply was dangerous.

A member of the public asked about the bike paths and if they were going to be just around the center or if they would go further towards Boothbay Harbor or Wiscasset. The answer is, they will go from Boothbay Harbor to the Funeral home.

A member of the public asked about the safety review slide, she said it was unclear if the data was for 3 years or 7 years. Some of the info from the Sheriff's Department was for 3 years and Mr. Sawyer said he would have to check his files to see if the rest was 3 or 7 years.

A member of the public asked how big the circle was supposed to be because it would have to be big to allow enough room for the big trucks. Mr. Sawyer said he thinks it will be in the 125' to 135' diameter

range but would need to verify that. Mr. Sawyer said the group would be working with abutters in the next few weeks and will show where the impact will be. He also mentioned that the road would be curbed.

Ann Reed asked during the time construction would be stopped what condition the road would be left in. Mr. Sawyer said they would not leave the road in bad shape; they would make sure it was in a reasonable way.

Rhoda Weyr said if the real dangerous place is Country Club Road; now that the Clipper Mart would be closed why not put the Roundabout there. Dale Harmon said that the intersection that drives the whole project is Corey Lane and any project has to include Corey Lane.

A member of the public said this sounds like a done deal, doesn't it have to be voted on. She also indicated that maybe it didn't now that the Town already took the bribe (new ambulance station). She also asked if the Town says no, can Mr. Coloumbe do the project himself. Dale Harmon said it will be voted on in November and if the Town says no, the project cannot go ahead, The Town has to be the administrator of the project.

A member of the public asked about trucks being able to get on the Common for events. There will be curbing on the Rt. 27 side of the Common, any trucks entering will need to be from the back side, maybe at a dedicated area.

Dawn Gilbert said she would like to Commend the Selectmen and Town Manager on the good job they are doing by informing everyone, she thinks this is a fantastic thing for the Town and is all for it.

A member of the public had questions on the rate of traffic for the Botanical Gardens and asked for clarification.

New Business:

Route 27 traffic improvement plan: Steve Lewis made a motion to place the Route 27 Traffic Improvement Plan on the November Ballot and Chuck Cunningham seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

Credit Enhancement Agreement: Steve Lewis made a motion to place a Credit Enhancement Agreement with Erik Carlson on the November ballot and Chuck Cunningham seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

Memorandum of Agreement with MDOT: Steve Lewis made a motion to include a memorandum of agreement with MDOT re: Potential Park and ride agreement on the November ballot and Chuck Cunningham seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

Shellfish Warden: Chuck Cunningham made a motion to appoint Brent Barter as Shellfish Warden and Doug Burnham seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

Public Comment: A resident on Knickerbocker Lake said he has been watching the water level dropping and is worried about development, he feels development should be curtailed and is against any recreational use on the lake.

Review Warrants: Chuck Cunningham made a motion to review the warrants and sign them and Doug Burnham seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

Adjourn meeting: Chuck Cunningham made a motion at 8:50PM to adjourn the meeting and Doug Burnham seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

Minutes submitted by
Sherry Tibbetts