

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
Wednesday August 13, 2013
7:00 PM
MINUTES**

1. **Call Meeting to order:** Vice-Chairman Dale Harmon called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. **Present:** Dale Harmon, Douglas Burnham, Charles Cunningham and Town Manager James Chaousis II **Absent:** Steve Lewis and Stephen Ham
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Allan Strouss, Woodchucks and Susan Wilson, Boothbay Region Community Resources Council:** Ms. Wilson explained that the Woodchucks operate under the BRCRC which is a 501C3. The Woodchucks are covered under their by-laws and insurance. The BRCRC will sign the lease with the Town for property for the Woodchucks to use. Ms. Wilson said the idea for the Woodchucks was born at a BRCRC meeting and has always been a sub-group under them. Mr. Rowe said he had always thought of them as a separate group but they do operate under the BRCRC. Chuck Cunningham expressed his surprise that this information never came out in previous discussions. Mr. Chaousis will work on drafting a lease to bring before the board.
4. **Dawn Gilbert for the BCA:** Ms. Gilbert is working on Boothbay's 250th anniversary and asked the Selectmen for help. She would like the Selectmen to arrange for a Police Officer to be present Friday, Saturday and Saturday night. She also asked the Selectmen for 50 strings of white lights to put up. The water and electric will be available on the common for the events. The Governor and First Lady will attend the festivities. The BCA is still looking for volunteers for Saturday the 23rd if anyone is available.
5. **Minutes:** Chuck Cunningham made a motion to approve the minutes of the 07/23/2014 meeting as presented and Doug Burnham seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0 in favor.
6. **Reports:** Mr. Chaousis said he had submitted a written report which is available on the website. The new AV system is up and operating tonight, this meeting is being streamed live on the website. The first meeting to be steamed live was the Board of Appeals meeting last night. The Board of Appeals denied the Mariner Tower application. Mr. Chaousis went on to review when people pay their taxes

and said that with taxes being committed earlier this year than before, people are paying their taxes earlier and it is making a difference.

7. Old Business:

- a. **BBY/BBH CSD Trustee Meeting:** Mr. Chaousis has spoken with the Superintendent and will try to schedule a meeting with the Trustees when they resume meeting again this fall. The Trustees attorney presented in a letter a different opinion than the one from the Town's attorney.

8. New Business:

- a. **BBH Economic Development Meeting:** A meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday August 26th at 6:00PM at the Boothbay Harbor Town Office.
- b. **Convergent Energy:** An application by Convergent Energy was recently approved by the Planning Board with the condition that they obtain a Utility easement from the Town. Chuck Cunningham made a motion to grant Convergent Energy a Utility Easement in the Industrial Park and Doug Burnham seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0 in favor.
- c. **Fee Schedule:** Most of the fee schedule is working fine. Mr. Chaousis said there may be a few that should be added or tweaked. It is that time of year when the Selectmen review the list to make sure it is still working.

9. **Public Comment:** Susan Wilson spoke briefly about the fines for clear cutting. She said she thought they were real heavy and asked a few questions about this. Fines for things such as clear cutting are set by the Selectmen and can be anywhere from \$100 to \$2500 per day.

10. **Review warrants and sign them:** Chuck Cunningham made a motion to review the warrants and sign them and Doug Burnham seconded the motion. Vote:3-0 in favor.

11. **Adjourn meeting:** Chuck Cunningham made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:48PM and Doug Burnham seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0 om favor.