

**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 October 8, 2014  
7:00 PM  
MINUTES**

1. **Call Meeting to order:** Chairman Steve Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.  
**Present:** Steven Lewis, Dale Harmon, Douglas Burnham, Charles Cunningham, Stephen Ham and Town Manager James D. Chaousis II
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:**
3. **Public Hearing:** Consider General Assistance Ordinance maximums – Chuck Cunningham made a motion to adopted the recommended General Assistance Ordinance maximums in compliance with Title 22 MRSA § 4305(4) for October 1, 2014 through October 31, 2015 and Dale Harmon seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0 in favor.
4. **Public Comment:**
5. **Minutes:** Chuck Cunningham made a motion to approve the minutes of the 09/24/2014 meeting as presented and Doug Burnham seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0 in favor. Steve Ham abstained as he was not at that meeting.
6. **Reports:**
  - a. 1<sup>st</sup> quarter financial report – a summary was given to the Selectmen to review. Chuck Cunningham had questions about the CEO budget being high but Mr. Chaousis explained that there is a cost share with the Water District and when that payment is applied the line will level out.
  - b. Back Narrows Road – this project has been completed and the neighbors seem to be happy with the results.
  - c. Plow truck – the old truck was traded in towards the new one, lowering the cost by about \$21,000. The new truck has been delivered and is now being rigged out at Fairfield's.
  - d. State Valuation – Boothbay appears to being growing while most other towns are not.
7. **Old Business:**
  - a. BBY/BBH CSD Trustees Meeting – Tom Wooden, Jim Chaousis and Eileen King met to discuss the school charter, the meeting went well and

they picked the charter apart. The next step is to take the concepts to the chairs of the boards and then a joint meeting with both full boards.

- b. Post Office Right of First Refusal – at the last meeting the Selectmen asked to have several questions answered. 1. The lease is not extendable without agreement by both parties. 2. Yes, the Post Office will start negotiations on a new lease now, but with the current owner. Mr. Weaver is willing to do this working with the town. 3. Mr. Weaver is OK with waiting until the May Town Meeting as long as the town is sincere in its interest to purchase the property.

Steve Lewis said he has only heard positive feedback on this proposal.

Doug Burnham does not think it is a good idea to purchase this land. He had questions about the Post Office staying open.

The rest of the board thought it was a good idea and gave the town manger the green light to pursue this.

- c. Economic Development Meeting – The third joint economic development meeting is scheduled for October 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00PM at the Boothbay Harbor Town Office.
  - d. Kenniston Hill Inn – Susan Bracket is asking if the Town will waive the building permit fees when the building is moved to the Railway Village. Steve Lewis said the Selectmen would handle the request the same way as they handle the requests from Rebuilding Together. There was also a brief discussion about the modular home behind the Inn being moved south towards East Boothbay but as that is a private move and will be treated as any other wide load on the road it has nothing to do with the Selectmen.
- 8. **Public comment:** There were a couple of questions about the modular home that is being moved.
  - 9. **Review warrants and sign:** Dale Harmon made a motion to review the warrants and sign them and Chuck Cunningham seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0 in favor.
  - 10. **Executive Session:** Chuck Cunningham made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant 1 MRSA §405(6) (A) Personnel Performance Evaluations and not to return to regular session. Dale Harmon seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0 in favor.