

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 December 9, 2015
7:00 PM
MINUTES**

Present: Douglas Burnham, Charles Cunningham, Steven Lewis, Stephen Ham and Dan Bryer, Town Manager **Absent:** Dale Harmon

Pledge of Allegiance:

Public Hearings: **Cathy Hodgdon**, map U-10 lot 24, located at 606 Ocean Point Road in East Boothbay to construct a PT wood 4'x6' access platform, a 6'x80' pier with batter pilings, a 3'x40' aluminum ramp, a PT wood 12'x30' float, and a 10' x 40' timber haul out located on Linekin Bay.

Douglas Burnham said this application had already been heard, all that was left was for the Selectmen to sign the application, which they did.

Robert and Elaine McCoy, map R-4 lot 97B located at 11 Hodgdon Lane, Boothbay Maine to construct a PT wood 6'x55' pier, a 3' x 40' aluminum ramp, a PT wood 10'x20' float and a 10'x40' timber frame float haul out.

A site visit was held and a letter from Harbor Master Pete Ripley is in the file, he did not see any problems with this application. *Steve Lewis made a motion to approve this application as presented and Chuck Cunningham seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0 in favor.*

Reports:

Dan Bryer reported that the Public Works department is doing maintenance on the trucks and plows to make sure they are ready when the call comes. They are also busy doing a bunch of odds and ends type tasks that need to be done. The Code Enforcement office has two applications for the Planning Board this month, they also have 8 building permits and 7 plumbing/septic permits pending. The Planning Board is getting ready for the ordinance review. There is an ongoing discussion with Mark Eyerman to participate in that project. Sally Daggett is involved with the Cell Tower ordinance and still working with the planning board on that project, it is looking like the ordinance will be worked into the existing ordinance. The Business Office is busy, they have gotten 25 foreclosures ready. The Joint Economic has broken into sub-groups to start looking at projects. The Clifford Park committee has met twice, the survey gave them information as to what the public would like. They will now inventory all of the fields and parks in the region to see what is already available and what is needed and or wanted. Hal Moorefield from the Land Trust is willing to work with the town on the visual impact of the comp plan.

Steve Lewis said he has noticed a fair amount of street lights are out and he wondered if once the Public Works guys are out at night, they could report back on the ones that are out so they can be reported to CMP.

Dan Bryer said Joyce Sirois had a conversation with him about the possibility of a solar farm on the land next to the BRRDD. Dan said he is following up to get some information on the idea, it was an interesting discussion.

New Business:

Lease agreement with Inland Fisheries located at Knickercane

This lease has been in effect since 2010 but was never signed. It somehow fell through the cracks between John Anderson and Jim Chaousis as Town managers. It is a 20 year lease and will need to be on the Town Warrant but the Selectmen can sign one now to get through until the town meeting.

JEDC appointment opening

Dan said there is a person who has not attended any meetings and he has a person who he thinks is interested and he suggested replacing the current non-attending member. Chuck said he felt Dan should double check with the person to make sure they are not interested before replacing them.

Bond Proposal re: potential road improvements

Doug, Steve Ham, Mike and Dan took a ride around town looking at the roads. Dan has looked at the Bond Bank and has asked the First to put together something on borrowing the money from them. He is thinking a 20 year note for \$1,000,000 or 1,500,000. The TIF might cover the cost of some of the roads. This needs to be looked into some more, when the time does come, a RFP would need to be done both for financing and for the work to be performed.

Public Comment:

Steve Lewis said he went to the Botanical Gardens Garden's Aglow and it was very impressive. He suggested the Town may want to get involved in this next year. Maybe hold a lighting contest throughout the town, give people a preview on their way to the gardens. Maybe partner with the gardens and have a park and shuttle between the town parking lots and the gardens when it is busy.

Review Warrants and sign:

Steve Lewis made a motion to review the warrants and sign them and Chuck Cunningham seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0 in favor.

Adjourn meeting:

Chuck Cunningham made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40PM and Steve Lewis seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0 in favor.

*Minutes submitted by
Sherry Tibbetts, Secretary*