

Board of Selectmen

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Steven Lewis

Town Manager

Daniel Bryer Jr.



**Town of Boothbay
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Wednesday July 8, 2015
7:00 PM
MINUTES**

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

Pledge of Allegiance:

Public Hearings:

Allen Hospitality – d/b/a White Anchor Inn, Chad Mostats, Map R6 lot 9 located at 109 Wiscasset Road, renewal of Innkeepers License: Dan reported everything is in order and there are no issues with this application. *Doug Burnham made a motion to approve this application as presented and Steve Ham seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0 in favor.*

Five Gables Inn – Steve and Susan Plaustainer, map U15 lot 20 located at 107 Murray Hill Road, renewal of Innkeepers license. Dan reported everything is in order and there are no issues with this application. *Doug Burnham made a motion to approve this application as presented and Steve Ham seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0 in favor.*

The Boothbay Craft Brewery – Lori and Win Mitchell map R4 lot 165 located at 301 Adams Pond Road, renewal of Class I, II, III, IV liquor licenses and renewal of Innkeepers license. Dan reported everything is in order and there are no issues with this application. *Doug Burnham made a motion to approve this application as presented and Steve Ham seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0 in favor.*

Smugglers Cove INN – d/b/a Sunset Beach, Kimberly Swan map U6 lot 11 located at 727 Ocean Point Road, renewal of Innkeepers license. Dan reported everything is in order and there are no issues with this application. *Doug Burnham made a motion to approve this application as presented and Steve Ham seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0 in favor.*

John and Catherine Meisten – Map R6 lot 95-5 located at 3 Sea Mist Lane to construct an addition of existing pier increasing its length by 20', moving the support pilings to the new float location and construction of a skidway for hauling the float, located at the Damariscotta River.

This application has already been approved conditionally by the Planning Board. There was an on-site hearing and there is a letter from the Harbor Master in the file, he did not see any issues with this application. *Doug Burnham made a motion to approve this application as presented and Steve Ham seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0 in favor.*

John Savage – Map R1 lot 1 located at 20 Goddard Point Road to construct a 130' x 6' pile supported pier with a seasonal 36'x4' runway and a 10'x20' float and skidway for hauling the float, located on Lewis Cove on the Sheepscot River.

This application has already been approved conditionally by the Planning Board. There was on-site hearing and there is a letter from the Harbor Master in the file, he did not see any problems with this application. *Doug Burnham made a motion to approve this application as presented and Steve Ham seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0 in favor.*

Public Comment: A member of the audience said he was having trouble following/finding the meetings and agenda's. He mentioned last week and asked how anyone would know the meeting was cancelled. He asked where one would look to find this information. He said he found the website hard to use. Dan explained that last week was unusual. Dan also said that due to a shortage in staff lately, the web site has not been kept up to date. Tammy is now taking classes to learn how to use it and will be responsible shortly for maintaining it.

Minutes: *Doug Burnham made a motion to approve the minutes of the 6/10/2015 meeting as presented and Steve Ham seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0 in favor.*

Joint Economic Committee Memorandum of Agreement and Committee Appointments: The Selectmen voted by secret ballot their top choices for these appointments. After Dan Bryer tallied the results *Dale Harmon made a motion to appoint the following people:*

Steve Malcolm

Steve Reny

Andy Hamblett

Abbe Levin

Fran McBrearty as the Planning Board Rep.

Steve Ham seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0 in favor.

Interlocal Agreement for a Regional EMA director: Dick Spofford who is currently Boothbay's EMD, said the position is more of a drain on his time than he can handle. Dan Bryer reached out to Tom Wooden from Boothbay Harbor and Gerald Gamage from Southport and asked if they would be interested in a regional director. This has been done in the past. There would be an additional cost to the towns. Scott Campbell said he is interested in the position. Dale said he would like to invite Scott to the next meeting, he would like to talk with him directly and make sure he is OK with this arrangement before entering into an agreement.

Reports: Dan Bryer said the CEO's office is busy. He reported that the Planning Board is almost finished with a new ordinance for Telecommunications. The PWD has been doing busy work that needs to get done as several members have been out on vacation. The Beath Road project may be done in August, the price is lower than it originally was. The Front Office has been helping to get the commitment done and it was finished today, the bills should go out in a few days.

Fran McBrearty – MCEDD/MCOG developments: Fran said he attended a meeting on 06/25/2015 and MCEDD has transferred all of its assets and liabilities to MCOG and no longer exists. Boothbay is not part of MCOG and it would cost around \$2.333 this year for them to join. Fran talked about a loan program they have for businesses. The Selectmen said they would like more information on MCOG and what it could do for the town. Fran said he would be happy to talk with them and find out what he can.

FY 2016 appointments: *Doug Burnham made a motion to appoint Allan Bellows and Michael Tomacelli to three year terms on the Planning Board, Lee (Rusty) Court and Charles (Chuck) Fuller to three year terms on the Port Committee and Steve Ham seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0 in favor. It was decided to make the rest of the appointments at the next meeting.*

Mike O'Donnell commitment and revaluation: Mike said it has been ten years since the town last did an evaluation, even if they decided tonight to do one, it would be the summer of 2017 before it was done. He feels if they wait longer than that it will be too late. He discussed the State ratio and what it means to the town. He reviewed some of the town's valuations and explained how this could help. Dan said the money for this project was in the budget for this year. Dale said he would rather not vote on this tonight, he would like to wait until the other two selectmen are present and the rest of the board agreed with him.

The mil rate was set today at 8.75. Mike and Dan explained that there was just no way to keep it flat this year.

Mary Ellen Barnes and Tony Cameron, Economic Development: Mary Ellen gave a summary of last year's activity with the trolley between Damariscotta and Boothbay Harbor and talked about the changes that have been made for this year. The trolley started running last weekend. It will run from July 3rd till early October. See is asking Boothbay for a \$2,000 donation which is what they donated last year.

Fran McBrearty said there are no stops in Boothbay, he feels that should have a least one stop in Boothbay, maybe at the Botanical Gardens. Mary Ellen explained they would like to do that but it would take more funding and maybe another trolley to get the timing right. It is something they would like to do in the future. *Steve Ham made a motion to donate the same amount of money they did last year \$2,000 and Doug Burnham seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0 in favor.*

Review Warrants and Sign them: *Steve Ham made a motion to review the warrants and sign them and Doug Burnham seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0 in favor.*

Adjourn Meeting: *Steve Ham made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10PM and Doug Burnham seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0 in favor.*

Minutes submitted by:
Sherry Tibbetts
Secretary