



**Town of Boothbay
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Wednesday, January 22nd, 2020
7:00 PM
Agenda**

Board of Selectmen

Steven C. Lewis, Chairman
Dale C. Harmon, Vice Chairman
Kristina Ford
Mike Tomacelli
Desiree Scorgia

Town Manager

Daniel Bryer

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Public Hearing**
3. **Public Comment**
4. **Approve Minutes- January 8th, 2020**
5. **Reports- Town Office Reports**
6. **Old Business- 1. Boothbay Region Veterans Memorial Committee**
7. **New Business- 1. Discussion re: Spirit of America**
2. Budget draft
8. **Public Comment**
9. **Review Warrants**
10. **Adjourn Meeting**



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Present: Steven Lewis, Dale Harmon, Michael Tomacelli, Desiree Scorgia, Town Manager Dan Bryer

Pledge of Allegiance:

Public Hearing:

Public Comment: no public for

Approve Minutes: Dale Harmon made a motion to approve the minutes December 11, 2019 and December 20, 2019 meeting minutes and Mike Tomacelli seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0 in favor.

Reports:

Town Office Reports:

Old Business:

Joint Economic Development Committee Discussion of Board of Selectman Appointments With the re-instatement of the JEDC the BOS selected Dale Harmon and Desiree Scorgia to represent Boothbay. Dale Harmon will provide continuity and Desiree have

Mike Tomacelli made a motion to appoint Dale Harmon to the JEDC and Desiree seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0 in favor (Dale Harmon sustained)

Mike Tomacelli made a motion to appoint Desiree Scorgia to the JEDC and Dale Harmon seconded the motion. Vote 3-0 in favor (Desiree Scorgia sustained)

New Business:

Regional towns have been looking at the Maine Shellfish Restoration and Resilience Project and each town has been addressing it in their own way. Instead of doing it individually we could look at it in more of a regional effort. Before approaching Russell, Dan wanted to present this to the board and see if this would be the direction to head in. The Board agrees this is something to look further into.

Lynn Maloney recently stepped down as the Town Clerk for Boothbay. She meant a lot to the town and will be missed greatly. Dan Bryer made a recommendation to appoint Andi Lowery as the new Town Clerk. She has knowledge of the position and has been an outstanding employee. Dale Harmon made a motion to appoint Andi Lowery as the Town Clerk. Mike Tomacelli seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0 in favor

We will be looking at budget next meeting. This time of year we need to start looking at projections so it will be a very rough draft. The basic budget will be one that we will look over during the next three meetings. One area that we will need to really focus on are the roads. Instead of being 3-4 years ahead Dan would like to be closer to 8-10 years. A possibility would be to start to increase the paving budget in small increments each year.

There was also discussion around the school charter. Dan approached the board to see if they would want him to follow up to try to set up another meeting talking about the long term goals of the school charter. Maybe we should look into other options that could be presented to us, Dan will follow up.

Public Comment:

We want to wish Kristina well and a speedy recovery.

First year of the food trucks during Gardens Aglow was a success.

Review Warrants and sign: Dale Harmon made a motion to review the warrants and sign them and Mike Tomacelli seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0 in favor.

Adjourn meeting: At 7:33 Dale Harmon made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Steve Lewis seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0 in favor.

Date: January 22, 2020

To: Town of Boothbay Selectmen

From: The Boothbay Region Veterans' Memorial Committee

Re: Research Update

The Boothbay Region Veterans' Memorial Committee has been working diligently over the past few months researching the feasibility of creating a memorial in Boothbay. We started by asking and answering four questions:

1. *What is the importance of a war memorial?*

Answer: A war memorial represents each community's chosen method of remembrance for those who sacrificed their lives in military service. It is significant historically, linking the past to the present, and allows people to remember and respect the community members whose loss is still felt by family and friends. Memorials become a focal point for veterans' ceremonies and community events, and they are also an important part of our country's artistic and architectural heritage. This monument would act as a lasting tribute to local service members from the five Boothbay Region towns.

Also, to be inclusive to the entire community, paving stones will be sold as a fund raiser (like the ones in the Whale Park in Boothbay Harbor), so family and friends can commemorate a relative, friend, or neighbor regardless of where they live.

2. *How many Boothbay Region service members lost their lives while serving in the U.S. Military or later died as a result of that service ?*

Answer: The Committee has documented 76 service members from the Revolutionary War to present day who died while serving in the U.S. Military or later as a result of wounds or chemical agents.

The Committee has also reached out to the Town of Edgecomb to see if they can identify any veterans who died in service during the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 and asked if the Town of Edgecomb would like to have someone from their town join the committee.

3. *What is the recommendation of the committee for the location of the monument?*

Answer: Boothbay Common because it is the most visible place in town and it is the most central to the five towns that will be represented (Boothbay, East Boothbay, Boothbay Harbor, Edgecomb, and Southport Island).

The Criteria to be listed on the monument is as follows:

- Drafted or enlisted from one of the five towns.
- The service member had to have lost his or her life while serving in the U.S. military or as a direct result of service. Categories on the monument will include: Killed in Action; Died in Accident While Serving in the U.S. Military; Died From Exposure to Nuclear, Biological or Chemical Agent; Succumbed to Wounds; Died While a Prisoner of War; or Died by Disease.

3. What will the monument look like?

Answer: After extensive research around the State of Maine to see what other communities have done for their veterans (Bucksport, Rangeley, Old Town, Indian Island and Indian Township Reservations, Vinalhaven, Wiscasset, and Augusta) and after speaking with Collette Monuments in Lewiston, ME, and viewing the veterans' monuments on their website, the committee recommends that the Town of Boothbay host a design contest.

The Monument Committee will judge all the entries that come in based on a judging rubric with the intent of narrowing down the entries to two possible designs that the community can then vote on. If this is acceptable, the committee will get a copy the design contest advertisement and judging rubric to the Selectmen by their next meeting for review and will reach out to the Boothbay Register to see if they will cover the story.

The committee recommends the following next four steps:

1. Introduce the community to the project via a *Boothbay Register* article.
2. Launch the design contest in local newspapers.
3. Create a traveling display for the American Legion, Memorial Day and Windjammer Day Parades, and other events around town.
4. Utilize the American Legion's already established non-profit status to receive all donations, which will be turned over to the Town of Boothbay to pay vendors during the construction process.

Thank you for your time and we welcome the selectmen's thoughts and guidance.

Sincerely,

Sarah A. Sherman
Boothbay Region Veterans' Memorial Committee

Boothbay Region War Memorial (Criteria for inclusion drafted or enlisted from the Boothbay Region)

Means of Death	Revolutionary War		War of 1812		Spanish American War		Civil War		World War I		World War II	
	Boothbay, East Boothbay Harbor (Killed in Action)	Boothbay, East Boothbay Harbor (Killed in Action)	Boothbay, East Boothbay Harbor (Killed in Action)	Boothbay, East Boothbay Harbor (Killed in Action)	Boothbay, East Boothbay Harbor (Killed in Action)	Boothbay, East Boothbay Harbor (Killed in Action)	Boothbay, East Boothbay Harbor (Killed in Action)	Boothbay, East Boothbay Harbor (Killed in Action)	Boothbay, East Boothbay Harbor (Killed in Action)	Boothbay, East Boothbay Harbor (Killed in Action)	Boothbay, East Boothbay Harbor (Killed in Action)	Boothbay, East Boothbay Harbor (Killed in Action)
Job Williams		Joseph Grover		Millard F. Harris		Charles A. Corey		Isaac M. Giles		Dwight Dodge		
John Williams		Thomas Boyd				Charles H. Boyd		Sidney B. Orne		Harold R. Giles		
Died in Service While Serving in U.S. Military		George Kelloch				George P. Folger		Charles E. Sherman, Jr.		Malcom W. Carter		
Samuel Lamson						Harvey H. Giles				William Trask		
Edgecomb						James A. Knight		Edgecomb (Died by Disease)		Maurice S. Dodge		
Southport Island?						Charles S. McCobb		Irving Sherman		Thurlow M. Rice		
						Albert B. McClintock				Ainsley W. Pinkham		
						Weld F. Sargent		Southport (Died by Disease)				
						Thomas Z. Tibbetts		Roland M. Gray				
						William B. Tibbetts						
						Levi Wylie						
						Died While P.O.W.						
						John Hilton						
						Nathaniel C. McFarland						
						Died of Wounds						
						Albert W. Bryer						
						George W. Gray						
						William K. Kelley						
						Died by Disease						
						Armitage G. McCobb						
						Died in Service While Serving in U.S. Military						
						Alva Carlisle						

Means of Death	Revolutionary War	War of 1812	Spanish American War	Civil War	World War I	World War II
				Giles Decker		Edgecomb (Died of Wounds)
				John M. Giles		Raymond Corey
				Austin Lewis		
				Thomas Lewis		
				Charles H. McCobb		
				Paul H. Matthews		
				Edwin L. Sargent		
				James A. Seavey		
				Alexander Wylie		
				Samuel Wylie		
				Edgecomb		
				Wilder F. Kenney		
				Jason Huff		
				Charles G. Holyoke		
				Charles Smelledge		
				Charles Cate		
				Edwin E. Hutchins		
				Josiah H. Baker		
				David S. Hall		
				Ebenezer Greenleaf		
				Frederick Preble		
				Southport?		

Means of Death Represented	Died Between Wars	Korean War	Vietnam War
Boothbay, East Boothbay, Boothbay Harbor (Died in Service While Serving in U.S. Military) Alan "Feeb" Dodge	Boothbay, East Boothbay, Boothbay Harbor (Killed in Action)	Richard E. Reed Arthur L. Barlow	Boothbay, East Boothbay, Boothbay Harbor (Killed in Action)
			Jonathan A. Sawyer Gordon E. Tibbetts
			Southport (Died of Wounds) Edward W. Tibbetts
			Agent Orange Daniel Kaler
			William Giles
			Herbie Brewer?
			Raymond Sweatt

Dear Dale, Dan, Steven & Other Boothbay Officials,

Hope you're enjoying a great 2020 & thank you for your town choosing a number of deserving recipients of the Spirit of America Foundation award over the years – Boothbay is listed with pride on Foundation website <https://www.spiroaft.com/gems>

Invitation:

Your Board of Selectmen is asked to pick the local person, project or group to receive the 2020 Boothbay Spirit of America Foundation Tribute for outstanding community service using your own criteria and to honor the recipient (presumably with a resolution or proclamation) at your annual town meeting. We'll need to know (see end of this e-mail) about the recipient to facilitate an anticipated Fall event honoring all 2020 Spirit of America award winners throughout Lincoln County.

Best/simplest strategy for most communities: choose the one to whom your annual town report is dedicated as Spirit of America winner and honor them (perhaps posthumously) at the annual town meeting – it's a well-attended event (great publicity for those honored) & is a nice tradition to which folks will look forward!

Your Selectboard may choose and honor the town's Spirit of America recipient each year without waiting to hear from us.

County event:

The 2020 privilege granted to Maine municipalities to choose Spirit of America Foundation Tribute winners expires on June 30. For any municipality not informing us of its Spirit of America recipient by 6/30, its county officials have permission to pick the 2020 winner. That sensible arrangement gives towns plenty of time to make a selection, helps counties with planning/preparing certificates for their annual Spirit of America event, and could ensure the county ceremony publicizes community service for each town.

Fifteen Maine counties already have hosted ceremonies honoring their towns' recipients of the 2019 Spirit of America Foundation Tribute – visit <https://www.cumberlandcounty.org/CivicMedia?VID=November-12-2019-Monthly-Commissioner-Me-112#player> to watch an exciting event!

Background:

Spirit of America Foundation is a 501(c)(3) public charity established in Augusta, ME to encourage volunteerism & it allows the Spirit of America Foundation Tribute to be presented in the name of any Maine municipality. There is no fee involved, and local officials chose their community's 2019 Spirit of America winner in 195+ towns!

The first Spirit of America Foundation award was presented to Alma Jones by Augusta Mayor William Burney on Nov. 26, 1991. Maine Governors John Baldacci and Angus King and Maine Municipal Association Director Chris Lockwood are among many who have played key roles at one of the 500+ Spirit of America ceremonies over the years. You can find more info about the Foundation on website <https://www.spiroaft.com/gems> (where the 'Municipal Resolution' page has sample resolutions, and the 'Honored Ever' page lists towns' previous winners).

A municipality may achieve Spirit of America's Gold Distinction by presenting the Spirit of America Foundation Tribute at the annual town meeting or inauguration, during an annual community festival, or during National Volunteer Month (April). Qualifying towns are listed on the 'Gold Distinction' page at website <https://www.spiroaft.com/gems> (and you may find a link to this site in Maine Municipal's <https://www.memun.org> website under 'Recent Announcements').

2019 Gold Distinction towns included: Abbot, Arrowsic, Baldwin, Bangor, Bath, Belgrade, Benton, Bethel, Bradley, Bremen, Brooks, Burlington, Canaan, Caratunk, Caribou, Casco, Castle Hill, Chapman, Chelsea, China, Columbia Falls, Corinna, Cornish, Cushing, Damariscotta, Dixfield, Dresden, Durham, Eliot, Embden, Enfield, Etna, Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Freedom, Fryeburg, Georgetown, Gray, Greene,

Greenville, Guilford, Hanover, Harmony, Hartland, Hiram, Hollis, Island Falls, Jackman, Jay, Kennebunkport, Kingfield, Knox, Lamoine, Lebanon, Lewiston, Lincolnville, Lisbon, Livermore, Lyman, Machiasport, Madison, Mapleton, Mercer, Mexico, Millinocket, Moose River, Mount Desert, Mount Vernon, New Portland, Newcastle, Newfield, Newry, Norridgewock, North Berwick, North Yarmouth, Oakland, Owls Head, Palermo, Parkman, Phippsburg, Pittsfield, Pittston, Poland, Pownal, Raymond, Readfield, Ripley, Rome, Roxbury, Rumford, Sabattus, Searsport, Sebago, Shapleigh, Shirley, Sidney, Skowhegan, Smithfield, Solon, Somerville, South Berwick, St. Albans, Standish, Starks, Stockton Springs, Surry, Swanville, Temple, Troy, Union, Vassalboro, Waldoboro, Wales, Washington, Wayne, Weld, West Bath, Whitefield, Wilton, Winterport, Winthrop, Woodstock, Woolwich.

If by Feb. 28 you tell us Boothbay has picked its 2020 Spirit of America winner, we'll publicize your town as a 'Pacesetter'!

In any case, by June 30 please let us know the name, mailing address and an accomplishment of Boothbay's 2020 Spirit of America recipient and the occasion of your local award ceremony (see end of this e-mail).

Thanks for your immense help to volunteerism!

Bruce Flaherty, President
Maine Spirit of America
(a chapter of Spirit of America Foundation)
622-7311, bwflah@gmail.com

These past Spirit of America winners might trigger ideas for your selection:
Connor Barry, a youth, raised \$275 from Hot Chocolate sales and bought needy kids Xmas gifts.
FHC, Inc. (a business) runs several community projects, including fundraisers for fire dept. & school.
The Herring Family has volunteered and held many municipal positions over a 200-year period.
Vernon Stevens is police officer saving lives of two youths as their home was engulfed in flames.
Eugene Turner has overcome handicaps, goes out of his way to aid those needing help/guidance.

We anticipate the most common 2020 scenario will be that towns present a resolution (and the 'Municipal Resolution' page at spiroaft.com/gems has samples) to their Spirit of America winner at the annual town meeting.