

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 February 8, 2017
7:00 PM
MINUTES

Present: Dale Harmon, Douglas Burnham, Charles Cunningham, Steven Lewis, Town Manager Dan Bryer and Secretary Sherry Tibbetts

Pledge of Allegiance:

Approve minutes: Chuck Cunningham made a motion to approve the minutes of January 11, 2017 as presented and Douglas Burnham seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0 in favor.

Reports: Dan Bryer reported that tax payments are due and the front office is busy accepting tax payment. With the recent storms the Public Works is busy doing a good job on the roads. The Code Enforcement office is busy, they have several permits pending and there are currently two appeals pending on the CMBG permit. The Joint Economic Development Committee has created a new memorandum of agreement.

Steve Lewis made a motion to give Dan Bryer permission to sign the agreement for the JEDC with Boothbay Harbor and Chuck Cunningham seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0 in favor.

Marijuana legalization: Now that the State has placed a moratorium on this, the town does not need to do so as they are covered under the state one. Dale Harmon made it plain that the town does not want to block this, they just want to give the Planning Board time to draft new ordinances to deal with it. Hopefully they will have something that can be voted on in November.

Ice Bear: The Town has two options they can purchase the Ice Bear for \$11,250 or they can have it removed at the expense of Ice Energy. Dan said he has researched the electric bills and could not see any great savings since the Ice Bear was installed. Chuck Cunningham made a motion to not keep the Ice Bear and to have it removed. Steve Lewis seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0 in favor. Pat Royal said the Boothbay Region Chamber of Commerce had theirs removed.

Outside Agency Budget Requests: The board felt that if the amount requested did not go up from last year and they were funded last year they did not need to speak with anyone from that agency.

There was a discussion about the amount paid for fireworks last year. Boothbay does not want to pay more than Boothbay Harbor.

Gerald Homer from Spectrum Generations gave a brief presentation, they are asking for \$500 and they were not funded last year.

Frank Fasset and Cody Mitchell answered a few questions that board had about Channel 7. They have expanded their services and now have some on-demand services for a fee. They said they will need to come up with additional revenue streams as their equipment is getting old. They are also in need of volunteers.

Municipal Budget Draft: The Selectmen were presented with a draft municipal budget. They will be a public hearing on it at the next Selectmen's meeting.

There was a request to increase the Fireman's pay by \$2 per hour. Steve Lewis suggested that they should get a yearly cost of living increase like other employees instead of a big jump when requested. This led to a discussion on what the Chief is paid and if it is comparable to other Chiefs in similar size towns. Dan Bryer will look into this.

Review Warrants and sign: Chuck Cunningham made a motion to review the warrants and sign them and Doug Burnham seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0 in favor.

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