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 24, 2016 7:00 PM MINUTES

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

Pledge of Allegiance:

Public Hearing, CMP Line Clerks New Service Permit – Pension Ridge Road:

Dan said this permit fits all the guidelines. Chuck said CMP has not been good at taking down old poles and he has a hard time giving them permission to put up new ones until they start taking down the old ones.

Steve Ham made a motion to approve the permit and Steve Lewis seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0 in favor of approving the permit with a strong word of recommendation to CMP that they start removing the old poles or the outcome may not be favorable next time.

Public Comment: Dale Harmon advised those present that if they wished to speak about an item under new business that they wait until that part of the meeting.

Martin Page said that the board was in violation of the fire code because of the number of people in the building (157) and suggested they should change the location of the meeting.

Dale Harmon said it was too late to move the meeting at this point. They were not expecting as many people as this was not a public hearing.

After a brief discussion Dale Harmon said the meeting was streaming live and would be broadcast on Channel 7. He suggested that anyone not actually in the conference room could go home and watch the meeting. This was not met with much enthusiasm.

After another brief discussion Steve Malcolm from Knickerbocker Group and Steve Landry from MDOT said they would be available to attend the March 9th meeting instead of doing their presentation this evening.

Steve Lewis made a motion to table the Potential Route 27 Traffic Pattern Plan that was listed under new business until the March 9, 2016 meeting and that meeting be held in a larger location. Chuck Cunningham seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

At 7:15PM Chuck Cunningham made a motion to recess for a few minutes while people were leaving because of the noise level and Steve Lewis seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

At 7:20PM Dale Harmon called the meeting back to order.

Chuck Cunningham said he wanted to wish the Boothbay Region Lady Seahawks, Regional Champions, good luck this weekend in Augusta. They have made the Town proud.

Chuck Cunningham also wanted to say congratulations to Suzy Edwards for the good job she did singing the national anthem. She did an amazing job.

Approve minutes:

Chuck Cunningham made a motion to approve the January 27, 2016 minutes as presented and Steve Lewis seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0 in favor. Doug Burnham and Steve Ham abstained as they were not at that meeting.

Reports:

Dan Bryer reported that the Public Works crew is busy with fixing/ getting ready the floats and trash receptacles; the Front Office is busy with taxes, the amount collected is ahead of last year; Code Enforcement Office has several permits pending and is busy.

Requests for funding from outside agencies:

Requests have been received from: Red Cross (new this year), Shellfish Committee, Cemetery Committee (asking for \$3,000 more than last year), Boothbay Harbor Library (increased amount from last year), Boothbay Region Ambulance (\$5,900 more than last year), Community Resource Council (\$4,500 more than last year), Channel 7, District Nurse(\$340 more requested than last year), Historical Society, Boothbay Region Senior Citizens, Fireworks Fund, New Hope for Women, American Legion, Spectrum Generations, The Community Center (new this year), Life Flight, and the Trolley for a total of \$295,355.

Holly Stover and Sue Burge spoke on behalf of the Boothbay Region Community Resources. They gave an overview of the organization and services provided.

Jane Goode and Margaret Parent talked about the new Community Center and the services it provides. They provided information on the number of people who use the Center and the type of activities that take place and the need they are filling in the community.

Tim McFadden presented an overview of the Library and the services and programs it provides.

A Trustee of the Historical Society was present to give an overview of the programs and how the organization works.

John Welch was present to talk about Life Flight.

Mary Ann Pinkham from Spectrum Generations gave an overview of the services the agency provides and the different programs they offer.

Deb Mullin from the Boothbay Region Senior Citizens was present and just expressed her thanks for the support the agency has received from the Town in the past.

Next meeting:

Based on the number of people who attended tonight's meeting, the board did not feel that any of the public buildings in Boothbay would hold the number of people expected to attend the next Selectmen's meeting. Dan Bryer will try to get the Elementary School gym, if that is not available then the High School gym and if that is not available then the Opera House.

Review Warrants and sign them:

Chuck Cunningham made a motion to review the warrants and sign them and Doug Burnham seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

Adjourn meeting:

Chuck Cunningham made a motion at 8:40 PM to adjourn the meeting and Doug Burnham seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

Minutes submitted by Sherry Tibbetts, Secretary