

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 April 27, 2016
7:00 PM
MINUTES**

Present: Dale Harmon, Charles Cunningham, Steven Lewis and Town Manager, Dan Bryer

Pledge of Allegiance:

Public Hearings:

Boothbay Harbor Country Club, Paul Coulombe, owner, Map R7/lot2-B, located at Sugar Maple Lane, Boothbay, ME. Renewal of liquor license Class I, II, III, IV, renewal of Special Amusement Permit Class C. Dan Bryer reported that everything was in order, this is a renewal.

Chuck Cunningham asked if this included the Cart license. The Cart license was not advertised, so it cannot be voted on until it is. Steve Lewis made a motion to approve this application as presented excluding the Cart license and Chuck Cunningham seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0 in favor.

Dover Used Car Parts, Phillip and Annette Main, owners, MapR2/lots 2A&2B, located at 76 Dover Cross Road, Boothbay, ME, renewal of Junkyard Permit.

Dan Bryer said this is a renewal and everything is in order. The fence is in a manageable position. Chuck Cunningham made a motion to approve this application as presented and Steve Lewis seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0 in favor.

Janet Clark, Map U8, lot 18 located 24 Tecumseh Trail, Boothbay, ME to construct a PT wood 6'x40' Pier, 3'x36' aluminum ramp, a PT wood 10'x20' float with two PT wood position pilings, and a 10'x40' timber float haulout – located on the Little River.

Dan Bryer reported that this application and already been before the Planning Board and approved by them. The Harbor Master is OK with this application and his letter is in the file. There was a concern from an abutter but it was addressed and has been taken care of.

Steve Lewis made a motion to approve this application as presented and Chuck Cunningham seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0 in favor.

Public comment:

Jean Reese Gibson questioned article #5 on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. She believes this gives the Selectmen the right to sell any town owned property (including the Common and Town Office) and feels that that is something that should need to be voted on by the entire community not just by five people. She quoted from an article she had read on this topic.

Dale Harmon said it is an article that has always been on the warrant and he had never paid much attention to it. Dale said he believes the intent was not for real estate but to allow the Selectmen to dispose of equipment and personal property. He said it is a good question and maybe the town should have the town's attorney take a look at it before next year.

A member of the audience asked why when Mr. Kaplan spoke at the last meeting, he was urged to ask a question when others who spoke in favor of the roundabout were allowed to speak without asking questions.

Dale Harmon apologized. He said he had apologized previously to Mr. Kaplan. Dale Harmon said he just saw a long line of people and wasn't sure of the amount of time to allow everyone to speak, he wanted to make sure everyone had a chance.

Approve minutes:

Steve Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes of 03/09/2016 and 04/11/2016. Chuck Cunningham seconded the motion. Chuck Cunningham said although he was not at the 04/11/2016 meeting, he has watched it on video and was at the location for part of the meeting. Vote: 3-0 in favor.

Reports:

Dan talked about the MDOT paving this summer, about the emergency access point at East Boothbay needing to be paved and that Mike Alley was working on this.

Dan said the PWD had to put the plows back on this week and now have taken them off again to paint. He said they did a good job during the recent storm.

Dan said the CEO is busy, applications are up.

Dan reported that in the Business Office it is business as usual.

Old Business:

Dale Harmon said he was not sure what the next steps are, but thought that maybe educating the public about TIF's and the BPI would be a good starting point. He thought maybe holding the meetings at the YMCA to allow as many people as possible to attend. He would like everything above board and as much community involvement as possible.

A member of the audience asked what if the project goes over budget as many projects do. Dale Harmon said the Town can only spend what is voted on. This would be done on a contract basis.

Dan Bryer will contact the YMCA and others involved to see if the next meeting on May 11th can be held at the YMCA.

Chuck Cunningham said at the last meeting, someone brought up the issue of only three Selectmen voting on this project. He said he watched the whole meeting and if he had been present he would have voted yes as well.

Steve Lewis talked about the need for jobs and housing in Boothbay. He said we have lost 25% of the students from local schools and we cannot continue to let this happen.

Joint Economic Development Committee:

Wendy Wolfe, a Boothbay Harbor Selectmen and Chair of the JEDC was present to update the Selectmen on what was happening. She said they have interviewed local business owners to see what they have to say. She talked about key activities, signage/way finding. A \$3,000 matching ASK grant was applied for and received. She asked the Selectmen for their approval to use \$1,500 out of the money they allocated for the JEDC. The Selectmen did not feel they needed to vote on this, the money was allocated and they trust the group to use it as they need to, but would appreciate being kept up to date. The group would like to complete the Branding project that was started a few years ago. She mentioned the Roundabout and the group is behind this project but feels there needs to be a lot of community input.

Abby Levin from the JEDC talked about the Winter Event and hiring a consultant who would start work in May, this position would be a contracted one and would be from May until February.

Frank Fasset another member of the JEDC said it all takes time and is a combination of many things, not just one project or change.

Steve Lewis made a motion to appoint Dale Harmon as the Boothbay Select board's representative on the JEDC and Chuck Cunningham seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0 in favor.

Audit RFP:

Seven requests were sent out and three were received back. After reviewing the requests, Steve Lewis made a motion to enter into a two year contract for the audit with W.H. Brewer and Chuck Cunningham seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0 in favor.

Shellfish Warrant:

This is a contract that includes Boothbay, Boothbay Harbor, Southport and Edgecomb. Steve Lewis made a motion for the Selectmen to sign the warrant and Chuck Cunningham seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0 in favor.

Goosefare Antiques and Promotions:

Last year there was an event on the Common and admission was charged. The Selectmen received complaints from community members who did not think this was right. Most events on the Common are for Charity or anyone can stop and participate. Chuck Cunningham suggested that this be tabled until the group can come in and state their case in person.

Public Comment:

Scott Campbell apologized for a comment he made at the last meeting.

Dale Harmon suggested an Executive Session dealing with personnel be held at 6PM on May 11th at the Town Hall before the meeting at the YMCA at 7PM.

Review warrants and sign:

Chuck Cunningham made a motion to review the warrants and sign them and Steve Lewis seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0 in favor.

Adjourn meeting:

Chuck Cunningham made a motion at 8:35PM to adjourn the meeting and Steve Lewis seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0 in favor.

Minutes submitted by
Sherry Tibbetts